Office of the New Eng. Mut. Life Ins. Co.

Boston, Mar 2. 1855

Wm J. R. Snowden.

Dear Sir.

Will you be kind enough to furnish me (if not inconsistent with your rules) with a statement of the amount of gold, & dates at which it was received & coined, and names of mines & persons from whom it was received from Sept 1853 to Jan 1. 1855, mined in North Carolina?

My friend Hon C.H. Peaslee. the Collector of this Port, to whom I applied for information, stated to me that he had no doubt you would gladly furnish me with the items.

If expense is attendant please inform me.

My resp

Benj F. Stevens

Sec

March 7. 5.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 2nd inst requesting a statement of the Amount of Gold, and dates at which it was received and coined, and names of mines and persons from whom it was received from September 1838 to Jan. 1, 1850, mined in North Carolina, I have to state that it would afford me great pleasure to furnish you this information but I have not the means to do so. Nearly all the Gold mined in North Carolina is deposited at the Branch Mint Charlotte in that State. It is possible that the Superintendent of that Institution might be able to furnish the information you desire.

I am, very Respectfully,
James Roschrowder
Director,

Benj F Stevens, Esqr,
Sec, Am Eng. Mut. Life Ins. Co
Boston.

March 2nd. 6.

Sir:

As it is probable that an error which has been detected in the original statement of the operations of the mint during February, was copied into the duplicate statements transmitted to you on the 28th. ult:, I herein enclose a corrected table of the Deposits made and the Coinage executed at the mint during the month referred to.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful Servant:
Samuel Roberts Snowden
Director:

Hon: James Guthrie,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City:

Treasury Department.
Comptroller Office,
Mar. 3rd 1855.

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia

Sir.

Your account as Treasurer of the Mint, at Philadelphia for the quarter ending 30th September, 1854. has been adjusted at the Treasury and a balance of $ 5.023.764.67 found to be due from you to the United States, which consists as follows, viz:

Gold Bullion Dr.	125.781.639.	$ 2.340.112.11
Silver Bullion Dr.	324.359.92.	$ 377.436.80
Gold Coinage (including assay bars	99 2a)	$ 1.523.868.17
Silver Coinage Cr.	303.70	$ 782.347.59
Bal as above		$ 5.023.764.67

Most Respectfully,
Elisha Whittlesey
Comptroller.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

March 2nd 1855

Sir

I am in receipt of Your letter of the 1st inst. also per the "Adams Express Co" of Three Hundred Thousand dollars in Gold Coins, which amount I have placed to the Credit of your acct.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treas. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Thos. J. Oliver
Treasurer

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

March 3d 1855.

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst, containing your a/c up to this date, which is found to be correct.

Also, per the "Adams Express Co", of $158.661.11 in gold Coins, which amount has been duly Credited and your a/c balanced.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Wm. J. Olsen
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgis Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia 3 Mar. 1855

Sir,

By your letter of the 5th ult. authority was given for the shipment of the mint sweeps, as heretofore, to an agent in Europe, for sale, unless we could obtain here, 85 per cent of the assay value, as I informed you, in my communication of the 24th of January last, our attempt at a sale by public competition only secured a single bid, and that of 75 per cent on the assay value; but the party who made this offer (Dr. Jos. W. Parnum, the agent for sales whom we have customarily employed) resides in Europe, and could not therefore be promptly communicated with. But, in fact, a further investigation satisfied me that it was not possible for him to bid as much as 85 per cent, without loss, and therefore that any delay in shipment with a view to further negotiation would be inexpedient. For although my statement to the Department was correct, that the average of our sales since the beginning of 1853 yielded 85 per cent net yet it is to be observed that there was included among the sweep sold in that time a very large amount of gathered from the Chief Coiners workings, the net return from which was unusually high (91½ per cent). The Melter & Refiners sweep (to which class the parcel now on hand belongs) has yielded the following percentages, viz. 78 p.c., 88 p.c., 83 p.c., 83 p.c., 77 p.c. average about 80 p.c.

Under such circumstances I am satisfied it will be time lost to seek a bid at 85 per cent. Whether I shall

[illegible]

[illegible] new samples, or have [illegible] sold.

S. R. S

Upon the sweeps from ~~the Mint~~ ~~but especially~~ is a question on which I shall refer to the Department. In my judgment, it is better that we should have the advantage of the fullest competition in the sale of the sweeps; and inasmuch as I am satisfied that (for the present) this is not possible in this country, - there being but one smelter of precious metals, and he but a small dealer, - it is advisable that the sweeps should be sold abroad, by an agent, as heretofore.

There is, at the Assay Office at New York, a small lot of sweep respecting the proper disposition of which the Superintendent has consulted me. If the Department should approve of it, I propose that this as well as the Mint sweep be shipped at once to our foreign agent, and that the same course be pursued with future accumulations at the Mint & Establishments, until some future and different arrangement be decided on.

I should mention that full insurance is always made on the sweep, so that there is no risk in the shipment.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your Ob't Servant.
James Pollock
Director

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury.

P.S. I should have mentioned that since the receipt of your former letter I have further ordered to get upon the sweep in the country. We would also expect to send samples, but had omitted so did.

J. P.

the United States

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, February 19. 1855

Sir,

I transmit herewith a copy of a
with McCallin of Brooklyn N.Y. for furnishing
~~and~~ the Phila Mint at Phila. with parting, and a
the Mint in pursuance of the Authority given in your
the 6th inst.

~~The Superintendent~~ I will apprise the Superintendent
of this contract by the Mail which leaves for Cal,

Received Phila. March 5th 1835 of James
Ross Snowden Director of the Mint, Six dollars, which with
the sum of ninety three dollars previously paid me by
him, is in full for the time I was awaiting work
at the Branch Mint San Francisco viz: from the 16th
December 1833, to 28th January 1834 inclusive as
per contract with said Director

$6.—

James W Franks

3 March 5

Hon. R. M. T. Hunter
U. S. Senate,
Washington.

As it may be convenient to introduce a single section, the following will answer the purpose and give an option as to the metals to be used, or it may be substituted for the first and second sections, leaving the others to stand, if no difficulty is interposed.—

Section.— That the President is hereby authorised to cause the issue, from the Mint, of a new cent piece of such metal, or mixture of metals, of such weight, and under such regulations as he shall approve. —

J. R. Snowden
Director.

March 9

Dear Sir,

It is hereby for me to inform you that on the receipt of your letter of the 5th inst. (directed by mistake to R. M. Patterson) I informed the Treasury Department of your offer to purchase the sweeps and recommended its acceptance. I have been expecting to hear from Washington on the subject. As soon as the letter is answered I will write to you.

I have no doubt but that I will be authorized to accept the offer.

I write this line in case to account for the delay.

Yours Respectfully

Wm. Robert Young Mint James Ross Snowden
Brooklyn L.I. Director U.S. Mint

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Mar 7, 1855.

Copy

Gentlemen,

In reply to your note of the 5th inst I have to state that I acquiesce in the terms presented. As proposed by you the Nitrous water will be charged at the rate of 1½ cts per Gallon

L. R.

Messrs Powers Weightman

Ninth and Parrish sts.

5th. March 1855

J. Ross Snowden, Esq
Director U. S. Mint

Dear Sir

As you are doubtless aware, we have for some time past been purchasing from the Mint the refuse liquor containing Nitrate Soda, but we find that on acct. of its diminished & irregular supply, it is no longer an object for us to continue the contract, particularly as we presume the quantity is likely to be still further diminished. At a reduced price, say 1½c. per gallon, we would have no objection to go on taking it for a time. Our impression is that we have been paying nearly twice as much as any other party was willing to

pay, even for the larger quantity, and more
regular supply.

Truly & Respectfully Yours

Donna Wellington

(9-87)

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

March 5th 1855

Sir

I have this day forwarded per the "Adams Express Co" two boxes & One bag, 3,357.61 Oz gross of Unparted Silver bullion & Three Specimen Fine gold bars weighing 50.98 Oz gross, amounting in Nett Value to Four Thousand & Eighty Three Dollars & 41/100.

Also 109 small & 95 Lay bags.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer US Mint
Philadelphia

John J Cisco
Treasurer

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 26 Received of the Treasurer of the United States

Assay Office, New York.

One Box containing 3 Specimen Gold bars 5.98 Gold Bullion.

Two " " { 3.357.60 Oz. Gross Silver "

One Parcel " { " Gold "

Amounting in Net value to $ 4,183.41

Four Thousand & Eighty Three Dollars

& 41/100 Cts.

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at Fifty Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, March 5th 1855. Adams & Co

Mint of the United States
Philada 5 Mar. 1855

Sir,

I regret to state that the bid made by you for the sweep of the Mint was not such as I have felt authorised to accept, and it has been rejected accordingly.

It was, until this morning, my intention, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, to forward these sweeps to you, for sale, under the arrangement heretofore made with you: but a bid has to day been unexpectedly received, from a responsible party, which will yield over 82 per cent on the assay valuation. It seems proper that this bid should be accepted, and your services will consequently not be required for the disposition of the sweeps in question.

very respectfully yours

Saml Ross Snowden.
Director

Jos. W. Farnum, Esq
London.

March 6 1815.

Sir,

Since my letter of the 3rd. inst I have learned from Mr. Robert Longman of Brooklyn New York a Smelter, an offer for our Lucops of so satisfactory a character that I feel justified in recommending its acceptance. This offer yields us to the greater part of the Lucops 88 6/10 per cent on the assay value and as to a smaller portion 78 8/10 per cent. The average will be 82 2/10 per cent. It is unfeasible that any better returns would be obtained from a Shipment to London, and I therefore withdraw my request for authority to that end and ask that the acceptance of this bid be approved.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your Obt. Servant.
Saml. Rh. Vreeland
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

Treasury Department
March 4. 1855.

Sir

I send enclosed copies of two letters received from the Treasurer of the Massachusetts Agricultural Society asking to have certain Medals struck at the Mint, for the use of that Society. Be pleased to have the Medals struck as requested and to have the proceeds placed to the credit of a Medals found to be due you by you for that purpose & therein you will transmit a statement to this Department at the close of every quarter.

I am very Resp.
James Guthrie
Sec of the Treasury.

J. R Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philada

(9-87)

From
Hon James Guthrie
Lee Jerseyy

Authorizing establishment
of Mediate Court

Mar 8. 1833

Hon James Guthrie
Lee Jersey.

Sir

Authorizing establishment
of Mediate Court

Mar 9. 1833

Treasury Department,
Comptroller's Office,
March 7th 1855.

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer of the
Mint, Philadelphia

Sir

Your account
of Copper Coinage for the quarter ending
31st December 1854, has been adjusted
at the Treasury, and a balance of $1134.19/100
found to be due from you to the United
States, which consist as follows.

Copper Deficient.	(cents)	$474.86
" Coinage	(Cypress)	659.33
Balance as above . . .		$1134.19

Most Respectfully,
Elisha Whittlesey
Comptroller.

Treasury Department
March 6th 1855

Sir

The Depositary at Mobile has asked this Department to provide a set of Scales & weights by which he may verify the receipts and payments of his office

The transactions there do not seem sufficient to justify the expenditure to make a balance and weight as you recommended in the 20 July last to the Treasury Office at St Louis. Supposing that a suitable balance and weight might be procured for some $50, may I ask the favor of you to cause enquiry to be made in your city in regard to the price and character of such as will be adapted to the business in question, and inform me of your conclusion.

Very respectfully
Your obed Servt
James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury

J R Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Phila

26.

Deposits of Gold Bullion, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.

Assay Number.	Gross Weight. Oz.	Gross Weight. Dec.	Proportion of Silver 1000ths.	Standard Weight. oz.	Standard Weight. dec.	Value of Gold. $	Value of Gold. c	Proportion of Silver in Gold. 1000ths.	Amount of Silver, Less 1-99th left unextracted in Standard Gold. Standard Weight. oz.	Amount of Silver, Less 1-99th left unextracted in Standard Gold. Standard Weight. dec.	Amount of Silver, Less 1-99th left unextracted in Standard Gold. Value. $	Amount of Silver, Less 1-99th left unextracted in Standard Gold. Value. c	Charges on the Deposit. Parting. $	Parting. c	Coinage. $	Coinage. c	Bars. $	Bars. c	Total. $	Total. c	Net Value of Deposit. Dollars.	Net Value of Deposit. Cents.	Depositors' Names.	Receipt Number.	Date.	MODE OF PAYMENT. In Gold Coins. $	In Gold Coins. c	In Silver Coins. $	In Silver Coins. c	In Bars. $	In Bars. c
1	99	150	621	2.51	68413										342																
2	20	500	914	.50	20819										104																
3	17	497	857	1.03	16661										83											1					
4	11	580	858½	.80	11046										55																
5	350	00	996½	1.10	38753										194																
6	17	780	896½	.60	17711										89																
7	47	768	898½	.92	47688										238											2					
9	512	10	916	4.90	52120	1	50		.853	1587	10.24	15.35	–	25.59	269																
10	352	75	820	2.25	32139										161											Bag						
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	50	98			56160			1044 85	–	–				5.22	522	103963									Payable in Gold Coins. 1855. Mar. 5.	103963						
																									Payable in Silver Dollars	303823					
																									Gold Coins.	104518					
																										408341					

Hon. P. R. Snowden
Director of the Mint
Phila

Sir

Am informed
the Mint at Phila a some
of the branches. desires a
Steam engine— I have the
"Southern Belle". the prize
engine at the New York
Worlds fair. Built by the
Winter Iron Works. Montgomery
Alabama. thirty Six horse
power— can be had Much
less than Cost—
Please answer

Remain &c

Lewis. P. Bell
Care Brown Bro's & Co.
405 Broadway N.Y.

New York
March 8. 1885

March 10. 5.

Sir,

Your favr of the 8th. inst. stating that you have been informed that the Haint a some of its branches desire to purchase a steam engine has been received. In reply I have to inform you that none of the institutions above refered to require an engine at present.

I am, very Respectfully,
James Renwick.
Director.

Lewis P. Beers Esqr
New York

(Copy)

Boston. March 3rd 1853

To the Hon

the Secretary of the Treasury

Sir

Your favor of 24th ulto came safe to hand. I find on my books the last bill paid Mr Peal for medals, was charged March 13th viz. 50 silver medals @ 5.$ each & 50 Bronze medals @ $1.50 each making $325.00 & previous to this viz August 13, 1851 I find entered a bill paid F. Peal of $125. for medals. this I believe is all we have had since I have been Treasurer. there has been a few gold medals at prices I think from $60 to $75. they were ordered by former Treasurers and I cannot obtain exact date — there has been but one gold medal ordered by me & that we requested to be made of pure California gold & accordingly Mr Peald had it made as near pure as possible, but usually our medals contain the same alloy as coin.

Trusting this explanation may prove sufficient & satisfactory. I have the honor to remain

Respectfully Your Obt Servt

W. P. Austin,

Treas Mass Hor Society

P.S. In addition to the number mentioned in my last, we should also like 25 Bronze Appleton medal, which is quite small, I am ignorant of the price, none

having been ordered by me. probably #1 – Middle of April or 1st May is as soon as we need them. I leave for N York next week to be there about a month. Should there be occasion to write me again, please address care Josiah Macy's Sons. N York

/Copy/

Boston Feby 21st 1835

To the Hon

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir

Will you be kind enough to authorise the Assayer or Master of the Mint at Philadelphia to strike off for the Massachusetts "Horticultural Society" Twenty Five (25) Silver medals & fifty Bronze (50) and on delivery same to Adams Express the bill will be promptly paid. The Dies of our Society are at the Mint & have been used for us several times while Mr Peale was connected with the mint.

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Wm P Austin.

Treas. Mass Hort Society

100 State St. Boston.

March 9th 5.

Sir,

I have received copies of your letter to the Treasury Department respecting the Striking of Medals at the Mint for your Society.

I learn that you desire the following numbers struck viz: 25 Silver Medals
50 Bronze "
Also 25 " Applicators Medals.

The cost of Striking these Medals, including the Metals to be used, will be $215.— This amount you will please remit. On its receipt I will cause the Metals, to be used, to be prepared and the Medals struck. They will be transmitted to you by the 1st of May when I understand it is as soon as you need them. If you desire them at an earlier time you will please state the time, and I will endeavor to conform to your wishes.

I am very Respectfully

Your Obt. Servt

Saml Ros Snowden
Director U.S. Mint.

W. R. Huntington Esq.
Treas. Mass Hist. Society
Boston.
Mass.

~~Lewisburg~~

Then is the Convent ~~Spire~~ that a Calamity
at all suited for anyone place and silver
in ~~Long Island~~ Sums Can be Procured.

(9-87)

March 8, 5.

Sir,

Since the receipt of your favor of the 6th inst. I have made enquiry as to the price of a balance and weights suitable for the Depository at Mobile.

One accurately made balance of a size sufficient for the purpose in view with weights complete, constructed like our Mint balances with brass beam, pillars and a chest — agat on which the knife edge works — brass weights steel dishes &c. cannot be procured under $375. But as you state that the transactions at Mobile are not sufficiently extensive to justify a considerable expenditure I am of opinion that a balance such as is used by the Banks in this city would answer the purpose intended. Such an one with weights complete to weigh $5,000 in gold — having a brass beam &c, but iron pillars, can be procured for $300. Mr. Troemner, whose card I enclose, and who has made several Mint balances for us, including the one for St. Louis, has one on hand of this description. If you determine to purchase it he will have it accurately adjusted with our Standard balance and weights at the Mint. This is the lowest price that a balance

at all suited for weighing gold and
silver a considerable sume can be procured.
I have the honor to be
With great respect
Your faithful Servt
James Rapsher

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec of the Treasury
Washington City.

The Melrose
Basket for the weights. Brass. costs about
40 cents per C6

The weight of the weights for Silver
2 Lt scales Malone $85.20

The beam made of Brass.
Computation. Weight of Block tin
and Iron Copper and it costs

53
80
42.40

85.20
43
36
165.20

53 cents per
Cwt.

iron fittings 36.00

165.20
15.00

agate upon which the
beam works Cost 15$

180.20
15.00
5.00

Brass for casing

200.20

2 months labor
with 3 or 4 workmen.

550 per Wk
70
480.

$300. — $500
two dollars

25.$

800.00;

50

208.

Lead

1600 # 5.00 dwt $60.
10 oz. $75.
3

450
150
$600.

Steel drills 1/4 complete.
Lapes $2 ea

Hdw

575.00

Rollmer.

$575.

$550.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, March 8, 1855

In order to afford every facility to the government of Peru to procure the construction of Machinery for coining purposes, the government of the United States furnished the Contractors employed by Mr. George Rumrill, Commissioner for Peru, with the patterns and plans of the machinery used in the Mint of the United States. The machinery was made in this City by Messrs Morgan & Att, and at the request of Mr. Rumrill I have examined the same, and certify that it is in all respects well adapted for coining purposes, and the workmanship has been executed in a manner highly creditable to the Contractors.

Director of
Mint U.S.

Exchange

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£ S. D.

£ S. D.

£ S. D.

£ S. D.

James [illegible]

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

Treasurer's Department.

March 13th 1855

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 12th inst, containing Assay Memorandum of Unparted Silver Bullion & Specimen Fine Gold bars, forwarded you on the 5th inst. which I have examined, and find to be correct.

The aggregate amount of $4581.27 is payable in Gold Coins $1045.16, in Silver Dollars $3536.11, which I will thank you to remit.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
J. Thos J. Cisco
Treasurer

Danl Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Taunton March 10. 1838.

Dan'l Thurston Esq
Treas: U.S. Mint.

Sir.

We have recvd
your esteemed favor of the 8th inst -
inclosing draft on New York. for
$1.913.48. being for an invoice
of Cotton planchets, as per your statement
Annexed please find inv.
of 52 Kegs planchets. forwarded
a few days ago. per Sch. S. L. Crocker,
which we trust will be promptly
delivered at the Mint -
Having made the above Shipment,
we omit forwarding by Express. as
named in your Letter - & remain.

Very Respectfully
Yours.

Crocker Bat. & Co

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1855/MARCH (CONT.)

Greensburgh Pa
March 30th 1855

Hon'l Jas R. Snowden
Director U S Mint
Dear Sir

I have on hand occasional by lots of old Silver which it would be agreeable to you I could forward to you by Adams Ex in lots of $500 a $1000 — Please inform me whether you receive old Coinage at the mint in your Correspondents in that way and also at what rates you receive old Silver & foreign gold & Silver

Respectfully Yours
H. J. Barclay.

answ'd Apl 2. by sending circular
& a P.C.

Coinage Executed.

During Month of March, 1855.

GOLD.

Denomination.	*No. of Pieces.*	*Value.*
Double Eagles,	15.142	$ 302,840.
Eagles,	18.142	181,420.
Half Eagles,	31.015	155,075.
Quarter Eagles.		
Dollars,	203.756.	203,756.
Total,	268.055	$ 843,091.

SILVER.

Dollars,		
Half Dollars,		
Quarter Dollars,	64,000.	16,000.
Dimes,	140,000.	14,000.
Half Dimes,	220,000.	11,000.
Three Cent Pieces,		
Total,	424,000	$ 41,000.

COPPER.

Cents,	517,585.	$ 5,175.85
Half Cents,		
Total,	517,585	$ 5,175.85

RECAPITULATION.

Gold Coinage,	268.055.	$ 843,091.00
Silver "	424.000.	41,000.00
Copper, "	517,585.	5,175.85
Total No. of pieces,	1,209,640	Total value, $ 889,266.85

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, March 31st, 1855.

*[redacted]

Statement of Deposits and Coinage

At the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia,

During the Month of March 185--

Gold Bullion Deposited.

	Value.
From California,	$ 123,000
Other sources,	$ 5000
Total Gold Deposits,	$ 128000

Silver Bullion Deposited,

Including Silver Purchases,	$ 136,300
Total Gold and Silver Deposits,	$264,300

Coinage Executed.

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, March 31, 185 3

R. M. Reed

Director.

March 31, 5

Sir, The enclosed Statement exhibits the deposits and coinage at the Mint during the month ending today.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City,

Treasury Department
March 30th 1855

Sir

Your letter of the 29th inst is received with the Vouchers & Bill of Lading shipped to Mobile, which has been referred to the First Auditor with directions to settle & remit as requested

Very respectfully
Your obedt Svt
James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury

James R Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Phila

Philadelphia March 30. 1855

U. S. Mint

To Geo Summers Dr

January	2	To	Stamping 1 Box	$25.00	for Baltimore		16
	"	To	Cognetting 10 Bags		N. Y.	✓	1 25
march	3	To	Do 10 Do			✓	1 25
	19	To	Do 4 of Silver & 1 of Gold		D. C.	✓	62½
	"	To	Do 10 Silver		N. Y.	✓	1 25
						$	4 53

Correct
Geo. Eckert
Paying Teller
U. S. Mint

Rec'd Payment in full
Geo Summers

Duplicate

Philadelphia March 31st 1855.

The United States Mint

To The Adams Express Co Dr

In the Transportation and Insurance of Silver Coin as follows—

1855			
July 9	To Asp. Treas. N. York $50.000.- @ 1.50 p. M	$75	00
Aug 3	" U. S Depository Baltimore 50.000.- " 1.00 "	50	00
" 14	" Asp. Treas. N. York 50.000.- 1.50 "	75	00
" 20	" U. S. Treasury Washington 20.000.- 1.50 "	30	00
		$230	00

Correct
Geo. H. Wallace
Cash'r U.S.M.

Rec'd Payt. Phila 29th March 1855
for the
Adams Express Co

J. Ross Snowden Esq
Director of U.S. Mints

Chief Coiner's office U.S. Mint
Philad. October 31 1835

Dear Sir

I beg leave to report the result of the first month's coinage, expeditiously, light in the various departments under my Care. They have been attended to by the operatives with their usual punctuality and dispatch. The Rolls, Presses and Engine have been thoroughly overhauled, and Repaired and we are now in a state to be Completely any amount of work that may be produced, without any further increase of Workmanship.

Respectfully submitted by

Your ob. Servt.
Geo. F. Richards
Chief Coiner U.S. Mint

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, March 29, 1855

Sir,

The Balance ordered of Mr Troemner by your direction for the Collector at Mobile, was shipped on the 28th inst as per enclosed bill of lading. I enclose Mr Troemners bill, which I have approved and have to request that you will cause a draft for the amount of the same (viz $300) to be sent under cover to me for him.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servt.

Director

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

March 29, 5.

Sir, The balance ordered of Mr. Broome by your direction for the Collector at Mobile, was shipped on the 28th inst. as per enclosed bill of lading. I enclose Mr. Broomes bill, which I have approved, and have to request that you will chose a draft for the Amount of the Same (viz $300) to be sent under cover to me for him.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,
Samn. R. Knowlen
Director.

Hon James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

March 29. 5.

Sir. I enclose herewith a bill of lading for a balance shipped on the 28th inst. for your Office by Henry Troemner of this City, also a Statement exhibiting the number, &c., of Weights accompanying the Same.

I may add that the above balance was ordered by me at the request of the Secretary of the Treasury.

I am, very Resp!
Your Ob. Sert.
Lewis R. Scrouden.
Inspector

T. Swanford, Esqr.
Collector,
Mobile
Ala.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

Treasurer's Department.

March 28th 1855

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 27th inst. enclosing bill for 1932 $5. ans. bags, on which appears a credit of 350. returned.

By referring to my letters of Jan 17. Feb 13. & March 5. you will see the aggregate number of $5.000. bags returned to you is 463. also 340 Large bags. for which I presume no charge has been made, as no credit has been given.

I enclose the bills for the proper correction, namely the additional Cr of 113 bags. upon return of which the same will be paid.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt

John J Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treas. U S Mint
Philadelphia

Mar 5	109 small	95 Large
Feb 13	292 "	93 "
Jan 17	62	152 "
	463	340

Treasury of the United States,

March 24., 1855.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive ..... Treasury Draft payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt, and return it to this office by the first mail; and cause the draft to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

S. CASEY,

Treasurer of the United States.

Jas Ross Snowden Esq

No 4697 Warrant 45-27 $9.000

N. B.—*The payee of a Treasury draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it, should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft or in the endorsement that assigns it to him, taking care to* AFFIX *his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a* MARK *should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of the substitution, except in the case of president and cashier of a bank or other institution.*

Treasury of the United States,

March 21, 1855.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive ..... Treasury Draft payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt, and return it to this office by the first mail; and cause the draft to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

S. CASEY,

Treasurer of the United States.

Jas Rdp. Snowden Esq.

No. 9681 = Warrant 45-12 $200

Ch B Mills

N. B.—*The payee of a Treasury draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it, should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft or in the endorsement that assigns it to him, taking care to* AFFIX *his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a* MARK *should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of the substitution, except in the case of president and cashier of a bank or other institution.*

Treasury Department U.S. (for Ac. U.S. Assay Office) in Account with the Director of the Mint U. States.

1854.						
March 16	To Cash	amt.	paid	on bill of	Isaiah Bice	950.00
	"	"	"		C.G. Willing	1652.10
	"	"	"		Benj. Hunter	940.64
May 4	"	"	"		Wm. Mann	13.93
10	"	"	"		Am. Magee	1,058.50
15	"	"	"		A. Miller	84.87
18	"	"	"		Ins. Co. N.A.	4.75
29	"	"	"		Howell Evans	50.00
30	"	"	"		Clark & Nesser	76.00
	"	"	"		Ins. Co. N.A.	31.00
June 3	"	"	"		Wm. Eckfeldt	9.00
5	"	"	"		J.A. Booth, Esq.	12.25
10	"	"	"		Ins. Co. N.A.	30.00
12	"	"	"		J.A. Booth, Esq.	11.65
20	"	"	"		Isaiah Bice	20.00
	"	"	"		Jas. L. Pierie	24.50
27	"	"	"		Morgan Dorr	570.25
	"	"	"		A.J. Simpkins	75.00
	"	"	"		Geo. Summers	25
July 6	"	"	"		R. Greener	125.00
11	"	"	"		Bankers Reporter	12.00
14	"	"	"		Benj. Hunter	193.25
25	"	"	"		John Orem	37.80
Sept. 28	"	"	"		George Kain	7.00
						7,603.74

1854.					
March 16	By Cash, amt. Treasury draft:				2,602.10
20	"	"	"	"	4,000.00
July 10	"	"	"	"	1,000.00
Sept. 23	" Treasury Department balance due this				1.64
					7,603.74

March 22. 35.

Sir.

I present herewith a statement exhibiting the Amount received by me from the Department and expended on Account of the U.S. Assay Office at New York, and enclose Vouchers for the items charged. This statement shows a balance against the Department of $1.64.

I may add by way of explanation that the item of $500 charged to me in this Account on the 20th March 1854. was a part of the proceeds of Treasury draft No 7572 for $11.500, of which $7500 was paid to L.H. Coutts on Account of the Branch Mint at San Francisco and subsequently accounted for by me in Settlement with the Department.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servt.
James Ropes Newton.
Assistt.

Hon James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

Willis & Co's Exchange & Banking House.
No. 25 State Street.
Boston Mch 21 1853.

Treas U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir. We have on hand about
$15.000 Cal^{a} Gold Coin – 7.000 in 50^{s} – 7.000 in 25^{s}
& 1.000 in 10^{s} mostly U.S. Moffats & Kellogg. & Humb^{t}.
Can you inform me what I can realize
for the amo in U.S. Coin at the mint –
whether it will note par. – and if will make
any difference whether it is sent to Phil^{a} or
N. York.

Yr truly
L. Skinner Treas^{r}
pro Edw^{d} C. Willard

4872

Office of Treasurer of A. B. C. F. M.
Missionary House, Pemberton Square,
BOSTON, 16 March 1855

James Ross Snowden Esq
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir,

I am in receipt of your favour of 14 inst and the inclosed letter and draft for $200 for Dr Lobdell of Maul and shall remit the amount with the letter to him, per Canada, to sail tomorrow, and am

Respt. Your ob. Sr.
James N. Gordon
Treasurer

New York March 16/55.

Sir

Your esteemed favor of 9th inst was duly rd. in Boston, & has been forwarded to me here, where I shall remain till the early part of April

On my return to Boston will remit immediately the amount named (Say $215)

I am much obliged to you for your kind offer to hasten the time & were it of much importance to us, I should avail myself of it, & remit you the amount from here — If you will have them struck off as soon as may be, after receiving the remittance I shall be much obliged & remain

Respectfully Yours

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director U.S. Mint

Wm K Austin
Treas. Mass. Hor. Society

Franklin Indᵃ March 16ᵗʰ 1835

Sir

Please inform us what you will give us in the new coin, for a lot of old Spanish coin. 6¼. 12½ an 25 ct pieces. and oblige

Yours

D. Alexander
— Son

Ans by Sewing

Brooklyn March 17th 1854

Mr Sam R. Snowden

Sir

Your favour of the
15 inst was duly received and I shall be
in Philadelphia on tuesday or wednesday
and take the steps

Yours with respect
Robt Longman
RPL

Office of the Assistant Treasurer, U. S.

New York, March 17th 1855

Dan'l Sturgeon Esq'r
Treasurer of the Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir

I have this day forwarded by Messrs Adams & Co. a Transfer Draft on you, in my favor, for $50.000. payable in silver Coins. I will thank you to send in Half dollars. $16.000.- in quarter-dollars $25.000.- in dimes. $6.000. in half dimes. $3.000. You will please forward it on Monday, so that I may receive it on Tuesday morning.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant.
John J Cisco
Ass't Treas'r.

75 1/4 $
30 1/2 $

16
1
31

25
15
40
30
70
31
106

30 c/a
75 1/4 31 2
25

Treasury Department,
First Auditor's Office,
March 19, 1834

Sir

To enable me to examine and adjust the account of the Disbursing Agent for establishing an Assay Office in the City of New York, I will thank you to inform me, if any, what amounts were paid by you or the Treasurer of the Mint at Philadelphia, to Charles G. Willing, and Brown and Embley, on account of said Assay Office.

Very respectfully, &c.

T. L. Smith
First Auditor.

James Ross Snowden, Esq
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia

C. J. Willing 1.652.10
Mar 18. 1834

March 20. 5.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 19th inst enquiring as to what amounts, if any, were paid by me or the Treasurer of the Mint to Charles G. Milling, and Bowne Embley, on account of the Assay Office at New York, I have to state that $1.632.10 was paid by me to the former on the 18th March 1854, but that the latter have not been paid anything either by myself or the Treasurer of the Mint on Account of said Office.

I am, Very Respectfully,

Your Obt Servt

Robt Snowden
Director.

T. L. Smith, Esqr.
First Auditor, Treasury,
Washington City

March 15. 5.

Sir,

I have received today a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury authorizing me to accept your offer for the "Mint Screws". I have therefore to inform you of my acceptance of the proposals contained in your letter of the 8th inst. It is understood that the Screws are to be paid for on being delivered to you at the Mint. Be pleased to inform me when it will be convenient for you to take possession of the same.

I am, very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden
Director.

Mr. Robert Longmore
Brooklyn
N.Y.

Treasury Department
March 14. 1855.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 6th & 13th instant & you are authorised to accept the proposals of Robert Longman for the Rhine steamers as stated in the former.

I am very Resp.
James Guthrie
Sec of the Treasury

J. Rob. Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint.
Philada.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

March 14th 1855

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 13th inst. also per the "Adams Express Co" of $ 3.536.11 in Silver Dollars, and $. 1.045.16 in Gold Coins, in all $ 4.581.27 which amount has been placed to your credit.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt

Daniel Sturgis Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm J Cisco
Treasurer

Phila: March 15, 1855

Col. James R. Snowden
U. S. Mint.

Dear Sir.

I respectfully and cordially invite you and the Officers and men employed at the U. S. Mint, to unite with the Scott Legion, in the ceremonies proposed for inaugurating their Monument, in Glenwood Cemetery, on the 18th of April next, in accordance with the enclosed circular.

The day will, no doubt, be one of those which the public generally will set apart for amusement, & I do not suppose that any interest would suffer by your granting leave to your subordinates to keep this as a holiday.

I am sure the Legion would be glad to see you on the occasion, and in their name, I invite you.

Wm. H. Smith

Wednesday.

March 10th 5

My dear Sir,

I have done this day upon the 15th inst inviting the officers and men employed at the Yacht to visit Leith, the Scott Lyon in the Ceremonies for inaugurating the Monument in Edinburgh Crescent, on the 16th inst: in accordance with arrangements proposed in a letter which you enclosed.

It will be a source of much gratification to me if I can be amongst the numbers of the Institution on the occasion for we to invite each you in a body on this interesting occasion in question. But whether I can be to attend or not, I think I may promise that some of the officers and men from the Yacht will have the honor of being with you on that occasion.

I beg to add the expression of my sincere thanks for this mark of your consideration and regard.

I am, with great respect

Your friend & Obt. Servt.

James Reid Thomson.

Lieut. Wm. H. Small
on behalf of the
Scott Lyon.

Philadelphia, March 6th, 1855.

The Scott Legion, having erected a monument in Glenwood Cemetery to the memory of their deceased Comrades in arms, who served during the War with Mexico, propose inaugurating the same on Wednesday, the 18th day of April next, the anniversary of the battle of Cerro Gordo, and to mark the occasion by a Military and Civic Parade, and other appropriate ceremonies.

In pursuance of this intention, the undersigned Committee, in the name of the Legion, cordially invite the volunteer troops of the State, and the various municipal, literary, and other civic bodies of this vicinity, to unite in the ceremonies referred to, and to add by their presence to the solemnities by which it is proposed to commemorate the completion of a lasting and honorable tribute to the worth of our late gallant companions in arms.

For the purpose of enabling the Committee of Arrangements to prepare a proper programme of the ceremonies, it is necessary that they should be informed, at an early day, of the intention of those who desire to unite with the Legion on this occasion. It is therefore requested that all Companies, Societies, and other civic bodies, who propose doing so, will communicate their intention to the undersigned, without delay, and that all military corps not attached to the First Division, P. V., will report as soon as possible to Major General Patterson, of this Division, that appropriate places may be assigned to them in the line.

WM. F. SMALL,
WM. H. GRAY,
JOHN F. STAUNTON,
ENOCH THOMAS,
GEORGE W. MONTONEY,
GEORGE W. McLEARN.

Committee on Invitation.

March 13, 5.

Sir,

By virtue of an authority contained in your letter of the 12th 1854, a bill of Messrs Maher & Landis, against the California Branch Mint, was paid from the contingent fund of this Mint, on the understanding that the amount was to be refunded when that Branch should be supplied with funds. An appropriation of $66,000 to supply deficiencies in the California Mint having been made in the last general appropriation bill, I have now to ask that the amount thus advanced by the Mint (viz: $15,261.79) be refunded, and that a warrant therefor, payable to the order of the Treasurer of the Mint, be issued by you.

There are, in the Act referred to, appropriations to this Mint, to supply deficiencies in the appropriations of the current fiscal year; one of $3000 to provide for the increase of the Salaries of the Clerks, one of $7,000 to meet other necessary deficiencies. As we have exhausted our available means, it becomes "necessary" for the support of the Institution that I should ask for some portion of the latter sum. at present I ask for $15,000, and also for the $3000 appropriated for Salaries.

The amounts of the requisition on the Department now made I recapitulate, as follows:

Payable out of the appropriation for the
Branch Mint, Lal.ª $15,261.79

Payable out of the appropriation to supply
deficient Salaries at the Mint. 3,000—

Payable out of deficiency appropriation
of the Mint 15,000—

$33,261.79

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,
— James Ross Snowden
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury.
Washington City.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, March 18, 1853

Sir,

I beg to call your attention to my letter of the 6th inst. in which I recommended the acceptance of Mr. Longmans offer for the "Sweeps". I am fully convinced of the propriety of its acceptance, and wish to have your early approval of the same that I may cause the Sale to be made without delay.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant

Director.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec of the Treasury,
Washington City.

March 13, 5.

Sir,

I beg to call your attention to my letter of the 6th inst. in which I recommended the acceptance of Mr Longmanes offer for the "Sweeps". I am fully convinced of the propriety of its acceptance, and wish to have your early approval of the same that I may cause the sale to be made without delay.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,
James Ross Snowden.
Director,

Hon. James Guthrie.
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

April 11th, 8.

Dear:

I have received your favor of the 12th. ult.o together with a pamphlet containing the proceedings of the "decimal Association," a copy of the Journal of the Society of Arts - No: 177 of Vol.s - and a slip presenting your proposition to increase the gross weight of the Silver-coin and to reduce its fineness to 900 thousandths. I beg you to accept my thanks for these important and interesting documents. I will examine them carefully; at present I have only had an opportunity to glance at their contents. The copy of the document first named which you state you transmitted to me per U.S. Consulate at London, some time since, did not reach me.

I send you herewith 30 pies of my report on the operations of the Mint for the years 1853 and 1854; also a pamphlet copy of the laws relating to the Mint of the United States. You will observe that the subject of a suitable alloy for small coinage, to which you invite my attention, is noticed in my last report, and I am now directing some further experiments on that point.

Your efforts to introduce a decimal system of money and accounts in England are regarded with lively interest in this Country, and without entering upon the details of the subject, I may be allowed the expression of opinion that any solution of the problem, either by decimalizing the pound sterling or a new

ing from your penny to a new unit of 100 pence would present such great advantages over the present system that great benefits could not fail to result. As your suggestion of a change in the weight of the sovereign I may state that I doubt whether the awkward standard of fineness - 904 thousandths - would not somewhat counterbalance any advantage of correspondence between the new weight and the pound avoirdupois. It would be far better, it seems to me, to have a simple and symmetrical expression of fineness even if that be attained by giving to the coins a fractional weight, and I sincerely hope that you may ultimately adopt the standard of the United States, France and other countries, namely 900 thousandths fine.

I am, with great respect,
Your obt. Servt

James Ross Snowden
Director U. S. Mint.

A. A. Franklin, Esq:,
No: 29 Throgmorton St.
London.

24 Throgmorton St
London 12 March 1855

Sir

I have some time since had the pleasure to transmit to you, for the U.S. Consulate here a pamphlet of the Decimal Assoc[n] Proceedings - duplicate (2nd Edit) herewith. I do myself the honor to submit at same time the report of a paper which I had recently read at the Society of Arts &c. You will observe how highly I appreciate your views and testimony, although as yet unable to obtain access in this city, to any thing beyond meagre extracts from your reports. I am waiting anxiously for your report upon 1854.

Some experiments have been made at my instance with a view to obtain metal suitable for small coinage (from the 200th of £ downwards) more valuable than copper, and always distinguishable from other Currencies. The nickel alloy employed in Switzerland seems too like silver. I would respectfully invite your interest in the subject. Herewith is a slip which may partially explain my views for reducing our Commercial weights to the decimalized pound Avoirdupois universally. Your report for 1853 declares the avoir: weights of the U.S. Coinage, and if you concur, I have a scheme of simple relations between moneys regulated by the lb avoir the Kilo and the Mark. I have the honor to be

with most respect Y[r] Ob[t] Serv[t]

D. J. Franklin

J R Snowden Esq
Director U.S Mint.

Printed papers, both enclosed open

March 10, 35.

Sir,

Your favor of the 7th inst, enclosing copies of the letters from the Treasurer of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society requesting the striking of Medals for that Society was duly received.

I will cause these medals to be struck; and as requested, open an account of this, and future transactions of a similar character, a statement of which will be furnished you quarterly. I have been applied to by the Franklin Institute for copies of their medal, and by General Scott for a few copies of his Medals. These will also be struck under the same arrangement, as it is unnecessary to ask for special authority in each case, or for such as may hereafter occur.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

Treasury Department

March 12th 1855

Sir

Your letter of the 8th inst is received. I will thank you to cause the balance and weights costing $300 the appointed for the Secretary at Mobile as your discretion. They should then be carefully securely packed, and shipped by a suitable vessel to the address of "L. Saunders, Collector, Mobile, Ala." I presume Mr Froemmer will relieve you from the trouble of packing and shipping them, being part of his business as seller to deliver them. Upon his sending his bill approved by you together with the bill of lading showing the delivery on board a suitable vessel, the account will be settled and the price remitted as was done in the case of the balance purchased for the Assay at St Louis in Dec last.

Very respectfully
Your obed Ser

Jas Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Secretary of the Treasury

March 10, 37

Sir,

In view of the present state of exchanges with Europe it seems probable that we shall not be called on for some time for a heavy coinage at the Mint. I have therefore taken this opportunity to cause the accounts of the Mother Repiner to be settled as is provided in the 28th Section of the Mint laws. And as the boilers in the Coining department require cleaning I have also directed this to be done. These considerations induce me to suggest that the alterations contemplated in the Mint building, for which the recent appropriation of $120,000 was made, should be commenced and completed at as early a period as possible. When I had the pleasure of a personal interview with you on this subject it was then thought advisable to have the alterations made in the Summer, but for the reasons suggested it seems highly expedient that they should be made at an earlier period.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,
Samuel Roy Snowden.
Director

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

Treasury Department.
Comptrollers Office.
March 9 1855.

Danl Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia

Sir.

Your account of Ordinary and Contingent Expenses of the Mint, for the quarter ending 31st December 1854, has been adjusted at the Treasury, and a balance of $70.91 found to be due from you to the United States, which is thus explained viz:

Balance due the United States, per your account. $70.31

Add Error in calculation of Wages of Jacob Lowe, in pay Roll with Warrant No 329. with account ending 30th September 1854. 60

Balance due the United States as above $70.91

Om

Most Respectfully,
Elisha Whittlesey.
Comptroller,

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1855/APRIL

To Robert Patterson, Esq:

April 19/55.

Appointing him to act during the temporary absence of the Treasurer

November 19 6.

Dear Sir:

As Dr. Sturgeon, the Secretary of the Trustees will be temporarily absent for a week or two, at his former residence in Fayette County, I have, with his consent, appointed you to act in his place during his absence. This appointment is made pursuant to the 4th Section of the general statutes.

Very respectfully,
James Rob. Snowden.
Director.

Robert Patterson, Esq.,
Treasurer's Clerk,
Mint U.S.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

April 19. 1855

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th inst., inclosing Assay Numbers of Gold & Silver Bullion Transmitted to you on the 12th inst. I shall forward during the next week four to five Thousand ounces of unparted Silver bullion for Coinage.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Jno. J. Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasr U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

P.S. The Amount of Gold & Silver Coins forwarded by you, on the 16th & the 17th inst. Treasr of U.S. per the Adams Express Co. was duly rec'd.

April 19th: 6.

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th: ult: has been received: In the 4th: quarter of 1862, a dispatch was made in your name by Mr. Geo: Bain, the Alexis agent for Adams & Co's Express, the proceeds of which were $686.26. The dispatch is of No: 6979, and still remains unpaid, and subject to your order.

I am, very respectfully
Yours, &c:

James Bispham Snowden,
Cashier.

Mr. Sumner Byman,
Columbia,
California.

Balt° April 19th 1855.

Mr A. K. Snowden
Director U.S. Mint.

Sir

I have been informed that I can obtain pure gold from the Mint. Will you be so kind as to let me know if I can get it from the Mint, the condition it will be in, the price and the least quantity I am required to take.

By so doing you will very much oblidge

Your Obt Servant
Hy Snowden
Cor Balt° & Eutaw sts

Legation of United States
near Republic of Nic.a
Grenada 20th March 55

My dear Sir

The chief currency of this
Republic is gold (limited) and
the dimes of the U. S.

From some strange source the
Authorities have been influenced
to reckon by an official decree
that the dimes of 1853 and
of 1854 (which
they call Lance dimes) are
deficient in fineness, and weight:
and are not receivable - or payable.
This works a serious inconvenience
to the commerce of the country;
and I intend to endeavour
to procure the repeal of the edicts
a restriction.

Will you be so good as

advise me on the following points.
of 1853 &
Are the dimes of 1854 (or
twenty cents) of the same fineness
and weight
as of the mintage of former years?

If so, how much, and when,
and by what authority altered?—
Do these dimes not pass in the
our
commerce of the country, and
the same value as then that
were coined previously?

The date of the coin will
guide you as to what is meant
by twenty dimes — but the reason
they are so called here is that
you examine the coin under the
figure of Liberty, on each side
of the date, are points of a lance
(←1854→) are visible

Allow me an early

apply.

Gen[l] Sturg

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Yo

Quick pa

J. N. & Co

Point Pre

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Charles

S. Bowlin

Hon

Sal Rose

Direc

apply.

My Journal regards to
Gen' Sturgis and Mr Eckfeldt;
and believe me with much
respect

Your faithful servant

J. W. D. Whelan

Minister Res!

Direct your letter - care of
J. W. Scott Esq Agent de
Point Arenas; and enclose
it, post paid, a fee to
Charles Morgan Esq - no
5 Bowling Green, New York

Hon
Sal Ross Snowden
Director of U.S. Mint
Phila

April 9th 57.

My Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 29th ult. I have the honor to state that the standard weights of the Silver Coinage of the United States of a less denomination than the Dollar was reduced by the Act of March 3. 1853. For some information on this and other points connected with the coinage of the United States I send you copies of my reports for the years 1853 and 1854. See pages 4 and 5 of the former and pages 3 and 4 of the latter.

The Act of Congress referred to took effect on the 1st of April 1853 and in order to distinguish the Coinage of the reduced standard weights the arrow heads on the obverse were introduced. The dimes there issued are 2 grains nearly 7/8 hundredths of a grain below the former standard.

I need not further enlarge upon the subject as the points presented in your letter are fully fully considered in the reports above referred to.

I am, Dear Sir, Respectfully,
Your Friend and obedient Servant
James Ross Snowden
Director

Hon. John M. McCalla.
Minister Resident of the United States.
Near the Republic of New Granada.

P.S. I also send you a pamphlet containing the laws relating to the Mint and coinage, the new laws on the subject of silver coinage you will find at page 8th.

I presented Mrs Eckfeldt's compliments to Dr Thurston who was glad to hear from you. They made quite one of their pleasant visits.

United States Assay Office
New York, April 20, 1857.

Hon. J. R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint, Philad.ª

At sight, please pay to the order of J. Struthers, Esq., Two hundred dollars, for acc. of

$200.

Geo. T. Denning.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

April 20 1855

Sir

I am this day in receipt of Gold Coins amounting to One Thousand and Forty Seven $ 26/100ths Dollars, per the Adams Express Co. in payment of Fine gold bars, Transmitted to you on the 12th inst. and have placed the Same to the Cr. of your a/c.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Supt U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm. J. Ulrich
Treasurer

Coast Survey Office
April 21. 1855

Dear Sir

Having noticed in the current papers frequent references to your report on operations at the Mint in 1854, I am induced to request a copy, and will duly appreciate your kindness in causing it to be mailed to my address at Washington.

Yours respectfully.

A. D. Bache
Assistant in Charge
C. S. Office

Col. J. R. Snowden
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Lind Copy 1853
and 1854

April 21st:, 6

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 19th: instt; received this morning, I have to state that when desired fine gold bars (ordinarily $\frac{999}{1000}$ fine) are given in payment for deposits of gold at the Mint, of the value of at least One hundred dollars.

I am, very respectfully:

James Ross Snowden.
Director.

Henry Snowden, Esq;
Baltimore, Md.

April 21st. 1846.

Sir.

The medals requested by you for the Massachusetts Horticultural Society have been struck at the Mint and are ready for delivery to your order upon receipt of $200. They are as follows:

25 Silver Society Medals	@ $4.00,	$100.
50 Bronze Copies thereof	@ $1.50,	75.
25 Bronze Copies Appleton medal	@ $1.00,	25.
		$200.

Upon receipt of this amount, I will forward the medals to your order.

Very respectfully:

Robt. Ross Snowden
Director.

Wm. R. Austin, Esq.:
Secret. Mass. Hort. Soc.
Boston.

Hon. G. Bronson
District U.S.
Mont.

Senate
Apl. 21 1835

My dear Colonel,

I thank you
for your kind remembrance
and suggestion –

I have become so much
attached to my native Spot
that it would require a very
very great inducement to induce
me to seperate from it.

Besides this feeling, I would
not again like to assume
so much responsibility in
an office amongst Strangers
as it's acceptance would require.

With my thanks

Yrs Truly R. M. Blatchford

Decatur Ill. April 21/65

To the Director United States Mint at
Philadelphia

Sir

I picked up a paper
the other day in which I saw a
statement that you had made a report
that the Libel Coin of other Countries would
Command the following Price in presentation at
the Mint

Mexican Dollar	1,22
" Old Central America	1,22.
" Old Bolivia	1,18
" Old Mexico	122
" Spanish Pillar dollar	1,22

Now there is plenty of that sort of Coin
here and if the statement is Correct for
we Cannot always rely on Newspaper Report)
I am Coming East in a few weeks and
Can Bring you an Amount of it
Please advise on Receipt
With them Remarks I have the honor to
Remain Your Obedient Servant
Daniel A Walmsley
Decatur
Macon Co
Ills

April 28th: 5.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 24th inst: inquiring as to the price paid at the Mint for Silver purchased.

The prices quoted in your letter from the paper to which you refer, are incorrectly stated as given per piece. Silver Coins are purchased as all other kinds of that metal - by the ounce troy. The enclosed Circular will furnish you with the information you desire.

I am, very respectfully
Your Obt.

James Ross Snowden.
Director.

Mr. D. H. Walmsley:
Decatur, Macon Co:
Illinois:

Treasury Department
April 21. 1855.

Sir.

I enclose a letter addressed to W.W. Corcoran which be pleased to deliver to him on his arrival which will it is presumed on Monday. It contains a draft for $50.000 in Silver to be transferred to Norfolk.

I am very Resp.
Jas Guthrie
Sec of the Treasury

J. Rofs Browne Esq
Director of the Mint
Philada

(copy)

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, April 23d 1855

Sir,

I send you a Copy of my Report on the operation of the Mint for the year 1854.

I desire to call the attention of your Society to that part of the Report which relates to the establishment at the Mint of a Medal department, and to request your co-operation in procuring the legislation suggested at the next session of Congress, if you concur in the views I have presented.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servant.
(Signed) James Ross Snowden,
Director U.S. Mint.

To the Corresponding Secretary
of the Historical Society of ——

Copy

United States Assay Office
New York Apr. 22, 1856.

Sir,

I respectfully submit the following report, prepared in accordance with your request of the 18th inst., upon the subject of the charges made to depositors at this office as compared with the cost to the Government of the operations performed by us upon the bullion deposited. The information is presented under the several heads indicated in your letter, and in the same order.

"1. The number of Workmen and their Wages at the Assay Office, detailing the number engaged in each branch of the refining operations, including the preparatory and subsequent melting, assaying, and making Coins, during the year 1855."

The average number of persons employed at this office during the year 1855, was fifty-eight. The number engaged in each of the several departments, with the rate of wages paid is exhibited in the following tabular Statement

Employees at N.Y. Assay Office 1855.—Their occupation Rate of wages

Per diem	Number employed & rate of Wages $2.00	$2.25	$2.30	$3.00	$3.50	$3.80	$4.00	Total No.	Gross Amount	Aggregate Amount
									Dollars cts	Dollars cts
Deposit Melting	4	2	3					7	4.836 00	
Fine Ipces Melting	3	2	2					7	3.432 00	
Granulating	5	4	1					6	3.900 00	
Separating	5	2	2					7	4.680 00	
Reducing	3	2	2					7	3.462 00	
Sweep Washing	1	1	1					2	1.404 00	
Engine & Boilers	1	1	1					2	1.404 00	
Helpers	2							2	1.248 00	
Carpenter			1					1	780 00	
Yard gate Keeper	1							1	624 00	
Foreman							1	1	1.248 00	
Total	25	13	13				1	39		26.988 00
Laboratory asst's				1	1		1	3	3.276 00	
Assistants	2				1			3	2.433 60	
Total	2			1	1	1	1	6		5.709 60
Watchmen			6					6	4.380 48	
Doorkeepers	1	1						2	1.326 00	
Porters	1		1					2	1.380 48	
Assistants		1			1			2	1.794 00	
Messenger		1						1	702 00	
	2	3	7		2			13		9.556 96
Aggregate	29	3	7	13	1	2	1	2	88	42.254 16

"II. The Specific Amount and cost of each Material used in melting and refining, and the cost of repairs to apparatus and Machinery necessarily connected with the refining operations for the same period"

The following table exhibits the entire Expenses of this Office for 1855, but so classified as to furnish readily the specific information under this head

Materials used directly in melting & Refining	Dollars	cts	Expenses incident to Melting & Refining	Dollars	cts	General Expenses of Assay office	Dollars	cts
Acid Sulphuric 2 cts per lb	737	00	Assay Lab'y Incidents	593	00	Apparatus	2825	00
do Nitric 7 cts	2852	00	Gas: part	200	00	Furniture	435	00
Borax (cost 30 cts per lb)	562	10	Hardware	330	00	Finishing Building	1750	00
Crucibles (8 cts per lb)	862	00	Lumber	525	00	Machinery	795	00
Fine Work (f6)	5240	0	Mattens Appmts	825	00	Salaries	22800	00
Charcoal (8 cts)	2216	00	Oil & Soap	146	00	Stationary	932	00
Coal (f5.25)	2500	00	Repairs	2534	00	Tools, Utensils &c	1392	00
Nitre & Chemicals	270	00	Wages part	32697	00	Fuel part	750	00
Salt 10 cts (50 cts)	930	00	Wastage	21850	00	Gas: part	552	00
Water part	400	00	Incidents	1150	00	Wages part	9557	00
Zinc (7 cts)	3500	00	Loss on Sweeps	1995	00	Water part	137	00
Total	41021	00		62845	00		41925	00
				41021	00		103866	00
			Total Refining Exp's	103866	00		145791	00

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"III. The Amount of Gold received and refined, and the Wastage on the same for that year"

The deposits of Gold during the year

Amounted to		$26,687,700
Deposits of Silver		350,150
Total		$27,037,850

The amount refined was:

of Gold	91,125,262.57	$20,985,117.60
of Silver	392,680.0	456,937.97
Total		$21,392,055.57

The Wastage of the Year was:

of Gold upon	91,125,262.57	91,061,509	$19,749.01
of Silver "	2,437,650.	91,806,906	2,102.40
Total			$21,851.41

"IV. What rate of refining or parting charge would be necessary in your opinion to defray all the expenses incident to that operation at your Assay Office; including cost of Materials of every Kind, Wages of Workmen, Wear and tear of fixtures and apparatus, and Wastage of precious Metals, based upon the amount of Gold received in 1855."

5.

By reference to the tabular classification of expenses, given on page 3, it will be seen that our refining operations of 1855 were attended with an expense of Materials $41.021

Expenses Incident to the same 62,845

Total $103,866

The Amount derived from charges on deposits, during the same period, at existing rates, was:

From parting charge on gold	(5 cts per $)	$6,979
" bar charge	(6 cts per 100)	10,284
" charges on Silver		1,256

There was also derived from Silver parted, but not deposited for depositors 2,488

Total $70,957

An increase of 50 per ct in the existing charges would have given

For parting charge on gold	(7½ cts)	$85,468
" bar charge	" " (9 cts)	15,426
" charges on Silver, and Silver parted		5,546
Total		$106,435

This amount, though slightly exceeding the expenses stated above, does not exceed the actual revenue from charges if [illegible] made in a business like that of 1855.

because the amount given above as derived from the charges of the year (£70,957.) & is derived in part from deposits near the close of the year, and not included in the amount Statues which have been refined. I conclude therefore that an increase of 50 per ct in all our charges would be necessary, in a business no larger than that of 1833, in order that the actual expenses incident to our operations should be covered by the charges

"V. The rate based upon an increase of deposits to the amount of 50 per ct upon that of the year specified."

The deposits of the year 1833 amounted to £27,037,837
Of these was deposited for coinage
and sent to the Mint unrefined £3,357,377
And there remained in the
hands of the Treasurer, not delivered
to the Melters & Refiners, Dec 31, 1833 about 2,094,441 5,643,796
Leaving as the Amount upon which
the operations of the year were conducted £21,394,041.

Assuming twenty one Millions, then, as the business of 1833, we have seen that it was attended with an aggregate expense of Say

Say £104,000

I estimate that the Expenses attending an increase of 50 per ct (10,500,000) of deposits would be as follows:

For Fine	£2,000	
" Materials	17,000	
" Wastage	8,000	
" Sundries	3,000	30,000
Total expenses of refining + 31½ Millions		£134,000
Revenue from charges at existing rates	£106,500	
Increase required (2 6/10 ct)	27,500	134,000

This increase of eight cents gives a refining charge of about 6 1/4 cts per oz. and a bar charge of about 7½ " £100.

"VI. The rate upon a decrease of fifty per cent"

Taking again the expenses of 1833 on 21 [redacted] Millions = £104,100
Deduct for 10½ Millions decrease of deposits 30,000
Total Expense of refining 10½ Millions £74,000
Revenue from charges at present rates £35,500
Increase required (about 109 per ct) 38,500 74,000
or 10½ cts for refining, & 12½ cts for bars.

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"VII.

What reduction, if any, can be made in your judgment, as to the number of persons employed, or the wages paid to such persons."

I am of opinion that a considerable reduction can be made in the number of subordinates heretofore employed at this office but that no reduction should be made in their wages. While it is exceedingly desirable to meet the reasonable wishes of depositors, and to retain for the Mint establishment the good reputation it has acquired for the promptness with which its returns are made - a promptness unequaled I believe by any other Mint in the world - I would aim to conduct the operations somewhat as an individual of intelligence would conduct a similar business on his own account. Instead of carrying forward, simultaneously the different processes of melting, granulating, parting, precipitating, casting &c with a separate set of workmen for each, I would as

April 23d. 8.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of the 21st inst.

The letter with enclosed draft for Mr. Holmes and I will hand to that gentleman at the earliest opportunity. He is not now in the City, but I expect to see him here to morrow.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Yr. faithful Servant.

James Roy Swartwout
Collect.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington City.

New York, Apr. 24, 1857.

Wm. J. R. Snowden,
Director U. S. Mint, Phil.ª

At sight please pay to the order
of Mess. Green & Sewell, Six hundred & two
38/100 dollars, for acc. of
602. 38

Geo. F. Deming.

acknlgd

ZENAS KENT, PRESIDENT.
CHAS PECK, JR. CASHIER.

Franklin Bank of Portage Co.

Franklin Mills, Ohio, April 14 1855

B B Comegys Esq Cas
Phil Pa

Dear Sir

I received a letter from James R Snowden Esq Director U.S. mint dated 11 Inst in which he states that he has placed in your hands for collection my ck, New York $2000, also that when collected proceeds would be forwarded by you to this Bank in gold coin Will you be good enough to state whether it has been sent

Yours resp
Chas Peck Jr

Dr Sir

The draft has been paid and the proceeds await your orders.

Very resp
B B Comegys Cas

J R Snowden Esq
Director
U.S. Mint

April 24th:, 6.

Sir:

Messrs. Evans & Watson are, as I have heretofore informed the Department, engaged in putting up the iron shutters and door frames at the Mint. In the work of fitting them in some alterations are occasionally made, which removed the paint and I notice that where this occurs the marble is discolored by the iron. This can be remedied by having them repainted as soon as they can be filled in. They are now of a lead color. I would recommend that they should be painted white, as this color will well harmonize with the color of the marble, and produce a good effect upon the appearance of the building.

I may further observe that some filling in of lead is required at the lower part of the Windows where the iron bars are placed in order to prevent the water from settling there.

Add to these points, and perhaps some others, it would be very agreeable to me if we could have the pleasure of a personal visit from Capt. Bowman: but, if desired by you, I can have the painting done and the lead filled in. I believe it will require about 150 lbs. of lead to do the work.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful Servant.
James Ross Snowden.
Director.

Hon: James Gallatin,
Secretary of Treasury.

April 24th:, 6.

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I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful Servant:
James Ross Snowden
Director.

Hon: James Guthrie,
Secretary of Treasury:

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
April 25th 1855.

J. R. Snowden Esq. Director of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia. Pennsylvania

Sir.

Inclosed, I send the Bonds and oaths of John S. Newlin. Bar Clerk, and A. Maclay. Assistant weight Clerk. both in the United States Assay Office at New-York, for your approval, as provided by law.

Please transmit the same to the Secretary of the Treasury, after they have received your appropriate action.

Most Sincerely
Yours
Elisha Whittlesey -
Comptroller

Washington April 26. 1855

My dear Sir

I received some days ago the printed copy of the President's message, containing your report to him of the 30th June last. Be pleased accept my best thanks for the remembrance of me, & be assured that I duly appreciate your kindness in placing so valuable a document in my possession — I have read it with a good deal of interest —

I should sooner have acknowledged the receipt of the pamphlet, but have been much indisposed all the Spring, & only able to attend to my official duties —

I am dear Sir

Yours truly

W. D. Bacon

Jas. Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Phila

April 26th: 5.

Sir:

I enclose for your approval Bonds of Messrs. Maclay and Newlin, Clerks in the U. S. Assay Office, transmitted to me for my certificate by the Comptroller, and which I have certified to be to my satisfaction:

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your obt. Servant:

James Ross Snowden.
Director

Hon: James Guthrie
Secretary of Treasury,
Washington City:

Boston April 27th/55.

Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of 24st inst came to hand just as on my return from N. York & my engagements since have been so pressing I have neglected till now to remit the $200. for which neglect I must ask your indulgence

I have this day handed "Kinsleys Express" Two hundred dollars upon payment of which at the Mint please deliver to them the medals & receive my thanks for your courtesy & prompt accomodation

I should like a bill of them to file away as my voucher

Respectfully

Your Obt Servant

Wm R. Austin Treas.

P.S. Will you be kind enough to have struck for us one gold Societys medal, of the usual alloy, to cost about 50 or 60 $ — will remit the amount whenever you direct

Treasury Department,
April 26th 1855.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 24th inst, I have to state that Capt Bowman is absent from this Department & is not expected to return for some week to come. An officer will be detailed from this Department, however, to make an examination of the Mint with a view to taking charge of the required repairs.

Very respectfully,
Your obdt. servt.
R. J. Harrington
for the
Secretary of the Treasury.

Dr. Robt Snowden Esqr
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

ORDER No. 1

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

Philadelphia, 27 April 1855

Mr. Geo. Holmes

You will please fill the following order for the Department of the undersigned. A detailed bill, numbered as above, must accompany goods upon delivery.

1 Piece of Agate for
U.S. Mint to Holmes & Rowan Dr.
To 1 agate for Scale $4.50

H. L. Cochran for Treas. Chief Coiner.

☞ This Order is to be presented when your account with this Department is sent in for settlement.

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Treasury Department,
April 26th 1853.

R. Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia,

Sir:

This will introduce to you Mr.
R. Ross Browne, Special Agent of this
Department for the Pacific Coast.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
J. P. Kennedy

April 28th: 0.

Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 24th: inst: to the Cashier of the Philadelphia Bank has been handed to me by that gentleman together with the proceeds of your check ($2000.) in double eagles.

Enclosed you will please find Adams & Co's. receipt for this amount which will be transmitted to you by their Express.

For the reasons given in my letter to you of the 11th: inst. I have to request that hereafter you will effect these collections either through some of your correspondents or one of the Express Companies - to whom I will be pleased to extend every facility for your service. You will perceive this course to be necessary and proper in view of my official connection with the Mint.

I am very respectfully

& truly Yours, &c.

James Pollock

Director

Charles Peck Jr, Esq:-
Cashier, Franklin Bk:
Portage Co:, Ohio:

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THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO.'S
GREAT
Eastern, Western & Southern Express.

THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO., 116 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

$2000

Philadelphia, April 28, 1855

Received of Cob. D Kofs Snowden

one bag and said to contain Two thousand dollars gold coin

MARKED Chas. Reed & Cadr
Franklin Bullion Potosi Co
Franklin Mines

To be forwarded as addressed: THE EXPRESS COMPANY not to be held responsible for any loss or damage arising from fire, railroad accidents, ocean or river navigation, etc. UNLESS SPECIALLY INSURED BY THEM, AND SO SPECIFIED IN THIS RECEIPT.

Freight,

Insurance,

FOR THE PROPRIETORS, J R Hunter

CRAIG, PRINTER, 116 CHESTNUT ST., OVER THE EXPRESS OFFICE.

April 28th. 6.

Sir

Your letter of the 25th. inst. has been duly received. In reply thereto I would inform you that on the 5th. ul a deposit (No. 2446) was made at the Mint in your name by Harnden & Co's Expressd. and the proceeds thereof, amounting. Eight Hundred and fifty one $\frac{20}{100}$ dollars ($851.20) were paid on the 6th. of that month to the Mint agent of the Express Company.

I shall call the attention of Mr. Harrison, the agent of Messrs. Harnden & Co. to your letter, and, have no doubt, that he will have the proceeds of your deposit forwarded without delay.

I am, very respectfully,
Yours, &c.

James Pollock
Director.

Mr. A. J. Foote.
Hamilton, Madison Co.
New York.

April 25th 1855
Hamilton Madison Co. N.Y.

On the 1st of March 1855
I sent by Express, a package of
gold dust, Marked "United
States Mint Philadelphia. Val. $1000.
With a request that the value
be returned in coin.
Will you please inform me
by Mail if such a pkg. has
been received.

John J. Foote
per Bonney

Baltimore 28th April 1855

To the Director of the
U. States Mint
Philadelphia

Sir,

In January last Adams & Co obtained for me from the mint several bars of gold bullion amongst others No. 5165 - 991/1000ths fine and No. 5166 also 991/1000ths fine, by mint assay. These bars were sent by me to my House at Rio de Janeiro, Maxwell, Wright & Co, by whom they were sent for Coinage to the Brazilian Mint. By assay at the Brazilian mint they were made 990/1000ths fine only, and my House writes me that this has occurred with several remittances which I had previously made to them. Not satisfied however with the Mint assay, they also had them assayed privately, and with the same result.

I have thought this a matter of sufficient importance to warrant my taking the liberty to call your attention to it.

Yours very respectfully
Robt Maxwell Wright

April 30th. 5.

Sir:

I have to thank you for your favor of the 28th. inst. relative to the assay of Mint bars at Brazil.

The gold bars to which yours refer were from the same melt, which by three assays gave the fineness of 999. Our instruments and processes are of the most improved and delicate description, and the result just stated cannot reasonably be called in question. In fact, according to the system, very common even amongst assayers of reputation, which assumes the Assay cannot to be mathematically free from silver, (which never is the case) we might rather have expected the Brazilian, or any other report, to have been 9996; certainly not under 999.

I am, very respectfully,
Yours, &c:—

Jas. Pollard
Director.

Clinton Wright, Esq:
Baltimore, Md.

Van Buren Clay Co Ind May 1st 1855

To the Superintendant of the U S Mint &,

My Dear Sir,

Having noticed in some of the papers that you payed $1.22 for 5 franc pieces & old Spanish mill dollars, also Mexican and other foreign coins, I desire to know whether it is true, also whether if true Specie could be conveyed to the mint without an Expese that would destroy the interest a person would have in sending a small amount of cash to the Mint & all of which I would be pleased to learn of you, and how to proceed in case it should be my interest to send it &, I have a small amt of that kind of coin on hand, and would like to dispose of it in that way, in case it would not be attended with too much expence, will you have the goodness to inform me, as to the facts &c,

Respectfully yours & W. H. Gifford

Superintendant of
U S Mint &
Philadelphia Pa

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Respectfully yours & W. H. Gifford

Superintendant of
U S Mint &
Philadelphia Pa

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, May 1, 185

Copy,

Sir,

I have to request that you will issue your Warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint for nineteen thousand dollars ($19,000) being the balance payable under the authority of the last civil & diplomatic appropriation bill, for supplying deficiencies in the appropriations of this Mint for the current fiscal year.

I am very respy

L R Eckert

Director

Hon James Guthrie
Secy of Treasy
Washn

Statement of weights and numbers of Eighty eight Barrels of Gold and Silver Dueceps

		Grop nt	Tare	Nett
Lot No 1	Ten Bbls Nos 171 - 180 inclusive	4090	491	3599
" 2	" " " 181 - 190 "	4136	514	3622
" 3	" " " 1 - 10 "	3979	532	3447
" 4	" " " 11 - 20 "	3922	495	3427
" 5	" " " 21 - 30 "	3801	448	3353
" 6	" " " 31 - 40 "	3925	497	3428
" 7	" " " 41 - 50 "	4014	505	3509
" 8	Eleven Bbls 51 - 61 "	4305	546	3759
" 9	Seven Bbls Sick Quapil - 7 "	2745	356	2389

Nine lots Eighty Eight Barrels nighing 30.533 lbs nett

315-33 lbs nete

Grop
34917 - 4384 = 30533

Notice Error taking grop wght for nett wt

The items are right Mr Costello will please make the necepary corrections and oblige

J.T.

Robt Snowden Esqr
Director of the Mint
Dear Sir

Chief Coiners office U.S. Mint
Phila April 30 1855

I beg leave to Report the various departments under my Care for the past Month have been attended to by the operators with there usual punctuality and every Branch appears to be in a prosperous and progressive State and are anxious to compleate all the work that may be presented

Respectfully Submitted by

Geo. R. Eckfeldt
Chief Coiner U. S. Mint

Statement of Deposits and Coinage

At the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia,

During the Month of ---------- 185---

Gold Bullion Deposited.

	Value.
From California, ...	$ 247.336.50
Other sources, ...	$ 46.963.50
Total Gold Deposits, . .	$ 294.300.00

Silver Bullion Deposited,

Including Silver Purchases, ...	$ 220.200.00
Total Gold and Silver Deposits,	$ 514.500.00

Coinage Executed.

GOLD.

Denomination.	*No. of Pieces.*	*Value.*
Double Eagles, ...		$
Eagles,	7.822	78.220
~~Three Dollars~~		
~~Half Eagles,~~ . .	19.361	58.083
Quarter Eagles, .	42.468	106.170
Dollars, . .	221.134	221.134
Total,	290.785	$ 463.607

SILVER.

Dollars, ...		
Half Dollars, .	160.000	80.000
Quarter Dollars, .	340.000	85.000
Dimes, ...		
Half Dimes, ...		
Three Cent Pieces, ...		
Total,	500.000	$ 165.000

COPPER.

Cents, ...		$
Half Cents, . .	56.500	282.50
Total,	56.500	$ 282.50

RECAPITULATION.

Gold Coinage, .	290.785	$ 463.607
Silver " .	500.000	165.000
Copper, " .	56.500	282.50
Total No. of pieces,	847.285 Total value, $	628.889.50

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, May 1st 1855

Director.

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1855/APRIL (CONT.)

Treasury of the United States,

April 2, 1855.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive ..... Treasury Draft payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt, and return it to this office by the first mail; and cause the draft to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

S. CASEY,

Treasurer of the United States.

Hy Thoemner Esq.

$300

N. B.—*The payee of a Treasury draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it, should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft or in the endorsement that assigns it to him, taking care to* AFFIX *his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a* MARK *should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of the substitution, except in the case of president and cashier of a bank or other institution.*

To Pres dent & Directors
Mint Philadelphia

Pekin Ohio
April 2 1855

Gent

Please be good
enough to inform me what you are
paying in American Coin for 5 francs &
Central American dollar, Mexican doll and
Spanish Doll dollar

Please address me at Pekin Ohio

Yours Very Respectfully
James
Williamson Odell

P.S. I mean the 5 franck per commonly
paying at 93 1/4 cts Odell

April 2, 5.

Sir,

I made on Saturday the monthly examination required by the regulations for the government of the Mint which exhibited a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint of $923,658 10 as follows:

Gold	$430,379.83
Silver	478,864.56
Ordinary	14,413.71
Total	$923,658.10, agreeing

with the balances stated upon the Books of the institution.

The Copper fund was also examined and exhibited the sum of $[illegible] which amount was found to correspond with the balance stated on the Treasurers books.

The balance at the same time, in the hands of the Asst Treasurer U.S. was found by count, to be correctly stated on that Officers books of A/c. as $[illegible] in Gold and Silver coins.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant
James Ross Snowden,
Director

Hon. [illegible] Gallatin
Sec. of the Treasury

Hamilton April 10 1835.

Dan'l. Sturgeon Esq
Cash. U. S. Mint
Phila.

Sir.

We have received your favor of the 7th inst. and shall forward to you today by Express, 2 kegs half cent planchets, which we made some time ago, in anticipation of a demand for half cents, which you will recollect moved to the Mint donation.

In future we will be careful not to have the planchets too heavy. As we have a large lot of cents, still on hand, we prefer to let the amount of our last invoice remain, until you can make payment, or the same in cash.

We are.

Very Respectfully
Yours.

Aiken Bro. & Co.

Custom House, New York
Collector's Office Nov 10th 1858

Sir

Yours of the 9th inst
is at hand. The regula-
tions of the Treasury
Department require that
the orders for admission
to entry free articles for
the mint should emana-
nate from the Secretary
of the Treasury.

When such order is
received I shall be pleased
to facilitate your wishes

Your Obt Servt

Heman J. Redfield
Collector

J R Snowden
U S Mint

James Ross Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia,
Pa.

New. York, April 9th 1855.

Dear Sir.

I am very desirous of obtaining, for a literary purpose, a copy of the "Report of the Director of the Mint" for this year. Should you be able to forward me a copy, you will very greatly oblige me.

Very Truly & Respty
Yours &c.

Wm. E. Bushnell.

Comms. at Law &c.
63 Wall St.
N.Y. City

R.d 10.m Sent a Copy
same day. with a note.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, April 9, 1855.

Sir,

The apparatus for the Assay department of this Mint, and one also for the Branch Mint at San Francisco, may be (if not already arrived) daily expected to arrive at your Port from Europe. As it has been the uniform practice of the Department to allow articles of this kind ordered from abroad for the Mint and Branches to pass free of duty and without being opened, I have thought that perhaps you would feel at liberty to so deliver them without any first obtaining the consent of the Sec. of the Treasury. If so, we will have them forwarded by Express at once. It is important that the packages should not be opened until they are received at the Mint; as the delicate instruments contained therein might be greatly

damaged. The packages are described in the enclosed order for their delivery to Adams & Co.

I am, very Respectfully
Your obt. Svt.

Director

Hon. Herman L. Ridgeway
Collector
N.Y.

April 9. 1.

Sir, Please deliver to
Adams & Co the following Packages
viz: one marked "U.S. Mint Philadelphia"
one "Philadelphia Mint" and one
"U.S. Branch Mint San Francisco"
Very Respectfully

Wm

Hon Herman J. Redfield
Collector
N.Y.

Franklin Bank of Portage Co.

ZENAS KENT, PRESIDENT.
CHAS PECK, JR. CASHIER.

Franklin Mills, Ohio, April 1 1855

James Ross Snowden Esq Director &c
Philadelphia. Pa

Dear Sir

Herein please find my S C 1224 Kents Lorber & Army L Sty $2000 for which please send me gold double eagles if you please $2000

Yours respectfully
Chas Peck Jr Cash

Treasury Department
First Auditor's Office
April 6th 1855

Hon Dan'l Sturgeon
Treasurer of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

I have this day received your account of Copper Coinage for the Quarter ending 31st March last

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Svt.
J. L. Smith

Auditor

Treasury Department
April 3d 1855.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th ult.

In reply thereto, I have to state, that the commencement of the repairs and alterations of the Mint are necessarily deferred for a few weeks. So soon as the plans can be fully matured, you will receive timely notice and the work will be completed in the least possible time.

Very respectfully,
Your obdt. servt.
James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury.

R. Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

April 11th:, 56.

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter of the 9th: inst: with the enclosure stated, and have placed the draft in the hands of the Philadelphia Bank, who will transmit the proceeds, when collected, by Adams & Co's Express.

While I am pleased to serve you in this matter, I would suggest the propriety of your hereafter transmitting your drafts for collection to some of your correspondents in this City or to either of the Express Companies who have Agents daily in attendance at the Mint for the transaction of business of this character. I would much prefer that in view of my official position, you should hereafter select some other agent for the collection of your drafts - to whom, I will cheerfully afford every facility for your accommodation.

I am, very respectfully
& truly, Yours,

James Ross Snowden,
Director.

Charles Leach Esq:,
Cashier, &c:-

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

Treasurer's Department.

April 12th 1855

Sir

I have this day forwarded by the Adams Express Co. a receipt & my statement inclosed. Four boxes containing 4.640.85 ozs. gross of Silver Bullion, of the Net Value of $4403.63 and three Specimen Bars Gold Bars. Weighing gross 57.31 ozs. Net Value $1046.90, payable in Silver Dollars $ 4.403.63, in Gold Coins $ 1046.90.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer of U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm. J. Wilson
Treasurer

Silv 4640.75

No. 97

Received of the Treasurer of the United States

Assay Office, New York.

Four { Boxes containing 57.31 Ozs. Gross Fine Gold Bullion,
" " 4.640.85 Ozs. Gross Silver "
Parcel "

Amounting in Net value to $ 3.450.53

Five Thousand four Hundred & fifty 53/100

Dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at Fifty Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, April 12th 1859.

Wm Hoey

for The Adams Ex. Co.

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

Hon J. R Snowden

Sir

I am directed by His Ex
the Gov. of Penn to return you his
thanks for the Reports of the Directors
of the Mints for 1854 & 1853 & 1834 as donations
to the State Library and to state that
the same will be acknowledged in
the next Annual Rep't of the Library
&c

Yours Truly
Wm R DeWitt
State Librarian

Rec'd April 12. 1855.

April 13th: 6.

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th: inst: with enclosures stated, has been received.

The specimens which you have sent are a variety of slaty sand stone, and contain no metal of any value, as you supposed.

Very respectfully,
James Roy Stranden
Directory:

A. M. Tobias, Esq:
Steuben Co:
New York

Jasper Steuben Co. N.Y.
April 10th 1855
United States Mint
Philadelphia

Enclosed please find two specimens of stone which I find on my farm in large quantities. I have had it examined by men that pronounce them to contain some valuable Metal. Will you Examine them and write me what your mint is in regard to them.

Let me hear from you as soon as convenient

Truly Yours
A. H. Tobias

N.B. Metal contained in the stones.

Washington D. C. April 15th
1855

Mr. Snowden.

Dear Sir.

This morning I spoke to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs in reference to the Fillmore and Pierce Medals. (Indian Medals)

The dies of the Pierce medal are now here in the Indian Office. The medals have been struck off and are also here. some of them have already been presented to the Indians - The Chief Clerk is under the impression that the same die on which the Fillmore head was engraved, was used to engrave the head of Pierce.

The Commissioner is very willing to have the dies sent to the mint for preservation. The Reverse of this medal is very different from that you have on the mint -

I beg leave to call your attention to a slight mistake in your report - On page 10th under the head of the Tipton medal you say in parenthesis "(This medal was presented for revolutionary services)". This daughter

Mrs. Henderson. my wife's mother, tells me that it was not so. but that the medal was given to him for the conflict between the U. S. vessel of war Constellation and the French vessel *L'Insurgente and she think that the inscription on the Reverse will so explain it.

Knowing that you would like to have the correct information on this matter I have taken the liberty of writing this.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Svt
G. Eastman
Capt. U. S. Army.

*La Vengeance. otherwise correct.
I.C.C.

April 18th; 6.

Dear Sir.

I am in receipt of your letters relative to the Fierce Indian medals, the dies of which I am pleased to learn will be forwarded to the Mint for preservation by the Commissioner of Indian affairs.

With reference to the erroneous statement made in my last annual report respecting the medal to Capt. Ireaton, I would remark that the error was inadvertently copied from a list of the dies in the Mint made by a former Chief Coiner. This medal was presented to Capt. Ireaton for his gallant conduct in the action between the U.S. vessel "Constellation" and the French ship "La Vengeance" and not the "L'Insurgente" as you have supposed. The reverse of the medal contains a representation of the vessels in conflict, with the inscription underneath "By vote of Congress to Thomas Ireaton, 24 Mar:, 1800."

I am, very respectfully,

Capt: J. Eastman.
U.S. Army.

Washington D. C. April 15th
1855

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May 25. 51

Sir,

We have in our possession all the dies from which the Indian Medals are struck except those prepared for the last two administrations. It seems convenient and proper that these medal-dies should be placed here for preservation and future use, and I learn from Capt Eastman, U.S.Army, that you are willing that they should be sent to the Mint for that purpose. I therefore join with pleasure them in charge of the Adams Express Company they will be carefully delivered here, and I will see that they are properly taken care of.

I send you a copy of my last annual report on the operations of the Mint, in which you will see my suggestions in regard to the establishment of a medal department here. I am anxious that a regular system on this subject should be adopted, but in the mean time, and so as to conform with the usual customs, and under instructions from the Treasury Department, two strikes made at the Mint, and would of course be able to give you copies of these Indian medals at any time that you may require them. I am, with great respect

Your obt Servant,

James Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington City.

27.

Deposits of Gold Bullion.

Assay Number.	Gross Weight. Oz.	Gross Weight. Dec.	Proportion of Gold. 1000ths.		Standard Weight. Oz.	Standard Weight. Dec.	Value of Gold. Dollars.	Value of Gold. Cents.	Proportion of Silver. 1000ths.	Silver Parted. N.B.—1-99th of the Std. Wt. of Gold is the Std. Weight of Silver left for alloy. Standard Weight. oz.	Silver Parted. N.B.—1-99th of the Std. Wt. of Gold is the Std. Weight of Silver left for alloy. Standard Weight. dec.	Silver Parted. N.B.—1-99th of the Std. Wt. of Gold is the Std. Weight of Silver left for alloy. Value. $	Silver Parted. N.B.—1-99th of the Std. Wt. of Gold is the Std. Weight of Silver left for alloy. Value. c	Charges on the Deposit. Parting. $	Parting. c	Coinage. $	Coinage. c	Bars. $	Bars. c	Total. $	Total. c	Net Value of Deposit. Dollars.	Net Value of Deposit. Cents.	Premium on Silver. Per Cent. $	Premium on Silver. Per Cent. c	Depositors' Names.	Receipt Number. Box No.	Date.	MODE OF PAYMENT. In Gold Coins. $	MODE OF PAYMENT. In Gold Coins. c	MODE OF PAYMENT. In Bars. $	MODE OF PAYMENT. In Bars. c	MODE OF PAYMENT. Total. $	MODE OF PAYMENT. Total. c.
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Treasury Department
First Auditors office
April 13th. 1855.

Wm Daniel Sturgeon
Treasurer of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

Your attention is invited to what appears to be an error in the computation of Silver deposit No 1248. In the Assay Report the gross weight and fineness of the several assays is given which by calculation make the aggregate Standard weight 4645.^{50} ounces equal to $5405.^{67} Silver Bullion Acct is charged "Silver deposit of quarter paid" Oz: 4776.^{86} $5530.74.

In order that the usual comparisons may be made in the Examination, you will please furnish an abstract in detail of Silver Bullion deposited for coinage shewing the deductions for charges and additions for gold. As you may wish to refer to the Assay Reports they are herewith returned.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Svt.

T. L. Smith
Auditor

THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO.'S
GREAT
Eastern, Western & Southern Express.

Philadelphia, Sept 21 1855

Received of U S Mint

Two Bags and said to contain Fifty Thousand Dollars

MARKED Treas U S Washington

To be forwarded as addressed: THE EXPRESS COMPANY not to be held responsible for any loss or damage arising from fire, railroad accidents, ocean or river navigation, etc., **UNLESS SPECIALLY INSURED BY THEM, AND SO SPECIFIED IN THIS RECEIPT.**

Freight,

Insurance,

FOR THE PROPRIETORS.

THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO., 116 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

CRAIG, PRINTER, 116 CHESTNUT ST., OVER THE EXPRESS OFFICE.

Treas. U.S. Mint. Philada.

Mar. 5th 1855

Transfr Left. No 2228 fav. Asst Treas. Newyork for $10.000

Treasurer Mint, Philadelphia

Dec: 12'1855

Transfer draft. No. 2290 favor Saml. Casey. Treas. U.S.

Upt. to Adams Express Co. for $25.000=

as follows - $10.000 - in half dollars

10.000. in quarter dollars

5.000 in half dimes

Phild[a] June 30 " 1855

U. S. Mint

To Geo Summers Dr

April	16	To	Coopering	10	kegs	N. Y.	1 " 25
	23	To	Do	10	Do	Va	1 " 25
may	2	To	Do	5	Do	Ga	62½
	7	To	Do	4	Do	D. C.	50
June	11	To	Do	10	Do	N. Y.	1 " 25
	14	To	Do	1	Do of Gold	D. C.	12½
	19	To	Do	19	Do Silver	Boston	2 " 37½
							7 " 37½

Rec[d] Payment in full
Geo Summers

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							7 " 37½

Payments in full
Geo Summers

As this work was done at the mint time of Mr Summers I do not like to receive the money for it but as I have to pay it I will

307,907.80

Weightlist of bars silver

Samuel Montagu & Co.

Number	Ozs	Assay
1	965	902 = W 3/12
2	1003 5	" "
3	1017	" "
4	1020	" "
5	1042 5	" "
6	1008	" "
7	1019 5	" "
8	1044	" "
9	1001	" "
10	981	" "
1	1047	" "
2	1060	" "
3	1085 5	" "
4	986	" "
5	1008	" "
6	1009	" "
7	983	" "
8	1053 5	" "
9	1005 5	" "
20	1018	" "
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7	1046	" "
8	1021	" "
9	1017	" "
40	1047 5	" "
1	1021	" "
42	1048 5	" "
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Number	Ozs	Assay
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6	1037 5	" "
7	1021	" "
8	1003 5	" "
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Number	%	Assay
85	10215	902 W 5/2
6	1020	" "
7	10265	" "
8	1060	" "
9	1094	" "
90	10015	" "
1	1032	" "
2	10304	" "
3	10435	" "
4	1012	" "
5	10145	" "
6	10155	" "
7	970	" "
8	1019	" "
9	10665	" "
100	1082	" "
1	10345	" "
2	10714	" "
3	9955	" "
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5	1116	" "
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6	10614	" "
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9	928	" "
120	9365	" "
1	1002	" "
2	9895	" "
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4	10535	" "
5	1059	" "
6	10775	" "
7	10464	" "
8	10595	" "
9	10504	" "
130	10555	" "
1	989	" "
2	10534	" "
3	1118	" "
4	983	" "
5	10255	" "
6	10005	" "
7	9685	" "
138	1013	" "
%	55448	

Number	%	Assay
139	10055	902 W 5/2
140	10304	" "
1	1033	" "
2	990	" "
3	1075	" "
4	10545	" "
5	1011	" "
6	1002	" "
7	10245	" "
8	1015	" "
9	1051	" "
150	1052	" "
1	10045	" "
2	10764	" "
3	1076	" "
4	1043	" "
5	10535	" "
6	1024	" "
7	1078	" "
8	1082	" "
9	7475	" "
160	1091	" "
1	978	" "
2	10105	" "
3	1009	" "
4	11315	" "
5	10335	" "
6	9815	" "
7	980	" "
8	997	" "
9	9865	" "
170	991	" "
1	1195	" "
2	1016	" "
3	988	" "
4	10065	" "
5	968	" "
6	9775	" "
7	987	" "
8	9795	" "
9	923	" "
180	9965	" "
1	1057	" "
2	10455	" "
3	998	" "
4	10245	" "
5	1038	" "
6	1071	" "
7	1019	" "
8	1013	" "
9	10135	" "
190	1041	" "
1	10315	" "
192	1010	" "
%	55264	

Number	Ofs	Assay
193	1020 5	902 5/2
4	1033	" "
5	1033	" "
6	1095	" "
7	9715	" "
8	1039	" "
9	1083	" "
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1	1064	" "
2	1014 5	" "
3	1031	" "
4	1032	" "
5	1025 5	" "
6	1034	" "
7	1034	" "
8	1024	" "
9	1028 5	" "
210	1052	" "
1	1047	" "
2	1026	" "
3	1049 5	" "
4	1064	" "
5	1035	" "
6	1008	" "
7	1018	" "
8	985 5	" "
9	1047	" "
220	1031 5	" "
1	1133	" "
2	962	" "
3	1018 5	" "
4	1014	" "
5	1001 5	" "
6	1005	" "
7	1054	" "
8	1066 5	" "
9	1008	" "
230	1006 5	" "
1	1069	" "
2	986	" "
3	990	" "
4	1164	" "
5	1185	" "
6	960	" "
7	1002	" "
8	958 5	" "
9	998	" "
240	956	" "
1	1048	" "
2	1016	" "
3	959 5	" "
4	1076	" "
5	1045	" "
246	10425	" "
	55195	

Number	Ofs	Assay
247	1022	5/2 = 902
8	1028	" "
9	1003 5	" "
250	1056	" "
1	1025	" "
2	1022	" "
3	1010	" "
4	982 5	" "
5	1061	" "
6	980 5	" "
7	1026	" "
8	1058 5	" "
9	1078	" "
260	1058 5	" "
1	1060	" "
2	955 5	" "
3	1058	" "
4	923	" "
5	1069	" "
6	1029 5	" "
7	1008	" "
8	1013	" "
9	1010 5	" "
270	1031	" "
1	1005	" "
2	1059	" "
3	1029 5	" "
4	984	" "
5	1009	" "
6	1014 5	" "
7	1024	" "
8	977	" "
9	1017 5	" "
280	1099	" "
1	1025	" "
2	1012 5	" "
3	1033	" "
4	1022 5	" "
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6	1014 5	" "
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8	1066	" "
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7	1073	" "
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9	1034 5	" "
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	55369	

Office of the Assistant Treasurer, U. S.

New York, April 14th 185

Dan'l Sturgeon Esq.
Treasurer U.S. Mint.

Sir

I have this day forwarded by the Adams Express Co. for collection two Treasury drafts on you, in my favor. One for $50,000. payable in Silver Coins. For which I will thank you to send me $5,000. in dimes, $15,000. in half dollars, and $30,000. in quarter dollars. The other draft, for $100,000. payable in gold coins, you will please send $70,000. in Half Eagles, and $30,000 in three dollar pieces, our Stock of these denominations being nearly exhausted.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servant
John J Cisco
Ass't Treas.

5000 ½ ¢ 70,000 ½ $
5000 ¢ 9000 3 ¢
10,000 ¼ ¢ 20,000 ¼ Eagles
30000 ½ ¢ 100,000
50,000

Jamaica Apl 14/55

D. Sturgis Esq
Pha. to J. Smith Phila

Dear Sir

I am favd
w. 18th inst enclosing check on
Merchts Bank & Am Ex Bk for 790.
& voucht. for cash pd for stamps 7.50,
we have, & place the whole amt 800,
to yr credit w acct of our Invo.
& Pluncht No 1.

Very resp
Yr Obt Hble Servt
Jas Mundy Gordon

April 8th: 5

Sir:

I delayed a reply to your esteemed favor of the 28th: of August last under the expectation of being able to give you some information, as desired, in regard to the operation of the coin-weighing machine of Baron Sequier which was ordered of Mr. Delevil more than two years ago, but it has not been sent to us. From time to time we have been advised that M. Delavil delays its transmission from his anxiety to send "a perfect instrument". Our correspondent thinks we will never see it, and I have arrived at the same conclusion.

I have noticed your remark as to the machines in use at the Royal mint and I beg to say that it would be very gratifying to me to have some particulars respecting them. The rate of 25 pieces per minute might serve our purpose, but if the instrument is very costly, it might be some objection to its employment.

The upward tendency in the fineness of British coinage since your administration of the mint has been noticed here, but as the course of trade continually carried gold eastward, we have no opportunity of testing the improvement upon such a scale as would do justice to it.

I send for your acceptance a copy of my report on the operations of the U. S. Mint for the year 1857; to which is added

of a report on the fineness and value of certain foreign gold and silver coins.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
with great respect,
Your obt. Servt.

James Ross Snowden
Director U. S. Mint.

Sir J. F. W. Herschel,
Master of the Royal Mint,
London.

No. _____

UNITED STATES MINT, 17 April 1858

To J. R. SNOWDEN, Esq.,
Director.

The undersigned requests the approval of the Director to procure

2,000 Cards for Gold
Numbers Tickets for Gold

H. L. Cochran
for Treasurer

APPROVED,

S. R. S.

Director.

April 16th:, 6.

Sir:

Your letter of 14th: inst: had been received, together with the Silver transmitted by you for deposit; agreeably to your request the proceeds will be paid to Messrs. Drexel & Co: of this City.

I am, very respectfully,
Yours, &c:—

James Kempshall

Secretary:

Th: L. Barclay, Esq:-
&c: &c:

Treasury Department
First Auditors office
April 18th 1855

Hon Dan'l Sturgeon
Treasurer U. Mint:
Philadelphia

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst: returning Assay Reports Nos 1248 & 1475½

The abstract in detail referred to in my letter of the 13th inst and which you were requested to forward must have been omitted unless the Book Keeper has reference to the General abstracts wherein the Dr: & Cr: particulars of Silver deposited for dollars must necessarily appear and do not a separate abst:

I will thank you therefore to forward one as requested—

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Svt.
J. L. Smith
Auditor

Washington D. C. April 18th
1853

Mr. Snowden.

Dear Sir.

Yesterday I wrote you a letter, but by some blunder enclosed it in an envellope directed to Hon H. M. Rice, and his letter was enclosed to you. I received a letter from Mr. Rice informing me of the mistake.

I wrote you, that the medal given to Com. Truxton was not for Revolutionary services but for the conflict between the U. S. Frigate Constellation, and the French Ship L'Insurgent I have since read the resolution of Congress which I send with this, and find that it should have been La Vengeance in place of L'Insurgent. It reads thus,

"Resolved by the Senate and House of

Representation of the United States in Congress assembled That the President of the United States be requested to present to Captain Thomas Truxton a Golden Medal emblematical of the late action between the United States Frigate Constellation of thirty-eight guns and the French ship of war La Vengeance of fifty four guns. In testimony of the high sense entertained by Congress of his gallantry and good conduct in the above engagement wherein an example was exhibited by the Captain, Officers, Sailors and Marines honorable to the American name and instructive to its rising Navy."

Theodore Sedgwick
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Thomas Jefferson
Vice President of the U. S. and Pres. of the Senate
John Adams
President of the U. S.

Approved March 29th 1800

You will see from the above that it could not have been for revolutionary services.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Svt
S. Eastman
Capt. U. S. A.

April 19th., 8.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your favor of the 18th. inst. inclosing a copy of your letter to Mr. Newton, at the Philadelphia branch mint. I have noticed your remarks in reference to the suggestion of a suitable person as his successor, and will give the subject immediate attention and write you relative thereto at an early day.

In view of the temporary absence for a week or two of Dr. Shurgeon, the Treasurer of the Mint, I have, with his concurrence named Mr. Robert Patterson, one of his clerks, to act in his place during his absence. This substitution is made in accordance with the 11th. section of the general Mint law.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful Obt. Servant.
James Ross Snowden.
Director.

Hon: James Guthrie,
Secretary of Treasury,
Washington City.

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1855/MAY

May 6th. 5.

Sir,

The monthly count of monies in the hands of the Treasurer of the district at the close of this days business, shows an agreement between the amount in hand and the balance as shown upon the Treasurers books of $ 1,607,769.92 Cts in the above Treasury $1,607,769.92 as follows: In Gold Coins of $ 1,345.50

" Silver " 770797.00

" Currency " 835627.42 $1,607,769.92

The amount of the above coin in the district Treasury was found by count to be $1,607,769.92 in Gold and Silver Coins, agreeing with the balance as derived from the books of Office.

The usual examination of the books, and of the institution generally, exhibited care and fidelity in the business of the Branch Establishment, attention to the interests of the Government and the public.

For the operations in the district Mr. Girard depended especially on the [illegible]

deemed it proper to reduce the number of men employed, in accordance with the regulations which prescribe that the number of workmen employed shall be regulated by the amount of work to be performed. There were 12 workmen employed on the Washington Buoy Vessel that I am sufficient to do the work I have assigned with the services of them.

I have the honorable,
With great respect
Your faithful servant
James Rapelje Comdr.
Lt. Coast

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

Statement of Gold Silver rec'd May 1854

Gold $493 950,00

Other Items 22.550 00

Total $496.000.00

Silver $372,200.00

496
372 200
868,200

Silver Bullion Deposited,

Including Silver Purchases, ... $372,200

Total Gold and Silver Deposits, $868,700

Coinage Executed.

GOLD.

Denomination.	*No. of Pieces.*	*Value.*
Double Eagles,	10729	$ 214,580
Eagles,	~~15,015~~	~~75,075~~
Half Eagles,	15,015	75.075
Quarter Eagles.		
Dollars,	66,101	66.101
Total,	91845	$ 355.756

SILVER.

Dollars,	16,000	16,000
Half Dollars,	168,000	84,000
Quarter Dollars,	1,360,000	340,000
Dimes,		
Half Dimes,		
Three Cent Pieces,		
Total	1,544,000,	$ 440.000

COPPER.

Cents,	$
Half Cents,	
Total,	$

RECAPITULATION.

Gold Coinage,	91,845	$ 355,756
Silver "	1,544,000	440,000
Copper, "		
Total No. of pieces,	1,635,845	Total value, $ 795.756

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, 185

Director.

Statement of Deposits and Coinage

At the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia,

During the Month of May 185 2

Gold Bullion Deposited.

	Value.
From California,	$ 473.950
Other sources,	$ 22,550
Total Gold Deposits,	$ 496.500

Silver Bullion Deposited,

Including Silver Purchases,	$ 372,200
Total Gold and Silver Deposits,	$ 868.700

Coinage Executed.

GOLD.

Denomination.	*No. of Pieces.*	*Value.*
Double Eagles,	10.729	$ 214,580
Eagles,	~~15015~~	~~75,075~~
Half Eagles,	15,015	76.075
Quarter Eagles.		
Dollars,	66,101	66.101
Total,	91845	$ 355.756

SILVER.

Dollars,	16,000	16,000
Half Dollars,	168,000	84,000
Quarter Dollars,	1,360,000	340,000
Dimes,		
Half Dimes,		
Three Cent Pieces,		
Total,	1,544,000,	$ 440.000

COPPER.

Cents,	$
Half Cents,	
Total,	$

RECAPITULATION.

Gold Coinage,	91,845	$ 355,756
Silver "	1,544,000	440,000
Copper, "		
Total No. of pieces,	1,635,845	Total value, $ 795.756

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, 185

Director.

May 6th 5

Sir,

The enclosed statement exhibits the Disposals made and Coinage executed at the Mint during the month ending [illegible]

I have the honor to be
Sir your most
Obedt. Servt.
Samuel Ashenowitz
Director

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Treasury Dept.

very respectfully

VII. "If [illegible] can be made [illegible]
[illegible] as to the amount of [illegible]
"wages paid to such persons?"

In the rate of wages formerly prepared reduction, the rate being from $1.42 to $2.00 per day, per a portion of great responsibility and temptation; and the rate being scarcely in advance of what it was years since, altho' it is now too evident that there has been a permanent increase in the expenses of living. I would therefore respectfully submit whether the rate of pay may not rather be advanced.

Since the business of refining gold is chiefly divided between the California Branch Mint and the New York Assay Office, we have retained but five (5) hands (besides my foreman, who are acquainted with the operations of refining; and as we are occasionally called on to refine gold, I propose still to retain this number, so necessary for our purposes. But as the same hands, who are employed with refining, could be and are more or less employed in the melting department, I think that the number of hands might be reduced in the melting department, without detriment to the efficiency of the mint.

VIII. "Any other information" in relation to "an increase in the charges & expenses"

I can only speak of those words relative to melting & refining operations, we shall be required to exhibit better charges.

I do not think it necessary to increase the charges as prescribed for melting & refining gold, as I propose to reduce the cost, even at the present reduced rate of charges all the mint, because the costs are caused during intervals of refining, by employing the

Mr Lt. Sturgeon Treas. Phila

Lancaster May 31st 1853.

Sir!

You will receive by Adams & Co Express Two Hundred & Forty Dollars in old american coin, please send me the value for this money in Amrk. Gold Coin, as you did by my last delivery, as soon as you possibly can. Please let me know what you can give for old broken silver ware as well as for old gold of the same description

Yours Respectfully

Jacob Herzog

NB Old silver ware varies very much, say from 110 to 120 cents per ounce troy; most of it, if made in this country, is worth at least 115. It is paid for according to the assay.

Old gold, especially chains, rings &c. is still more uncertain, and is refused if very base, or filled in with solder. It ought to be melted down with saltpetre two or three times before sending to the Mint. No idea can be given of its value before assay.

you take the double
as i have a lot on hand at pr
Yours Respt
Jacob Herzog

To Mr. H. Sturgeon.
Syracuse.

The double dollar of Prussia & Germany generally, (of the vereinsmünze) is worth, with premium, 146 - or 145½ cents.

I Ross Snowden Esq
Director of U.S. Mint

Chief Coiners office U.S. Mint
Philad Aug 31 1855

Dear Sir

I beg leave to Report that the duties for the past Month have been attended to by the operators with their usual punctuality and dispatch

and take great pleasure in Recommending them to Your Rightful Consideration

Respectfully Submitted by

Geo R Eckfeldt
Chief Coiner U.S. Mint

May 31st

Sir,

I was informed the ten boxes marked "Mint U. States" had arrived at the Wharf containing, I suppose, the iron doors for the vaults. I have caused them to be stored near the Wharf for the present. A bill for freight was presented here - One or two other bills have also been presented.

When I had the pleasure of seeing Capt Bowman here it was understood that the Treasury Department would direct the alterations of the Melting & Refining Department to be commenced on the 15th Inst. We will commence the removals of the old works on Monday.

The vault doors ought to be put up immediately if directed by the Department, or deposits until the other works is commenced as you may deem most expedient. Either way will suit us.

If it is the wish of the Department I should take any notice in regard to the bills & will be glad to be informed when the point, and also upon any other points on which it may occur to you I can be serviceable in regard to these claims.

I have the honor to be
respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Samuel Moore Chief Coiner

Hon. R. J. Walker
Secretary of the Treasury.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, May 31, 1855

Sir,

The enclosed ~~statement exhibits~~ the Deposits & Coinage of the Mint during the month ending to-day.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant

Director

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

Department of the Interior
Office Indian Affairs
May 30th 1858.

Sir:

Your letter of the 28th instant, asking that the Dies, from which the Indian Medals, of the last two Administrations, have been struck, may be transmitted to the United States Mint for safe keeping, had been received, and I forward to day to your address by the Express of Adams & Co., those from which medals of Mr Fillmore, and the present Executive, were prepared.

Very respectfully.
Your Obt. Servant.

James. Ross Snowden. Esqr.
Director, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

[illegible]
Commissioner

May 31st. 54.

Sir,

I have your favor of yesterday stating that you had forwarded to me the dies from which the Indian Medals of the last two administrations were struck. Those dies were delivered to me to-day by the Adams Express Company, that is to say,

2 dies of obverse of Mr. Fillmore
2 " " Genl. Pierce
2 " " reverse, one of each of the Presidents.

I may remark that it is very well that they were sent to us, as they are not in a good condition, being considerably damaged by rust, and they have been roughly used by those who have struck the medals. I hope to be able to restore them, and have placed them in the charge of the foreman of dies and medals for that purpose.

I am, very respectfully
Your obt. servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint.

Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny
Comm'r of Indian Affairs
Washington City.

W.S. Mint
Treasure dept } Order No 9
1855 To J.J. Linnard Dr
May 31 2 pcs 2 in Screws 1.5 8 2 pcs ¾ Screws 76 # 2.34

Philada May 30th 1855

To the Director of the Mint of the U. S.

Sir

I propose to furnish and deliver to the Mint of the U. S. such quantity of Anthracite Lehigh Coal of Lumps and Steamboat Size (from the Lehigh Company Mines of a superior article) which may be required between the First of July next and 30th of June ensuing (1856) inclusive, at Four Dollars Eight Eight Cents ($4.88cts) per ton of 2000 lbs

Security given for the faithfull performance of the Contract if required

Yours &c

William Thorn

Almond St Wharf Lower Districts of Southwark

Mint of the U. S. Philad.a May 29. 1855

Dear Sir

My opinion having been asked in respect to an application that has been made for the use of the hubbing press belonging to my department, by Mr. Rumrill to prepare some specimen dies; intended for the coinage of Peru: I would remark that I do not perceive that any detriment will ensue to the public service from such use; provided, it does not interfere with the employment of the workmen in the regular operations of the mint -

If the facilities of the establishment can be extended with propriety in the case referred to; there seems to be a reason for acceding to the request, from the fact, that there are no facilities elsewhere in the country for executing the work in a proper manner -

With much respect
Yours &c
James B. Longacre
Engraver

J. R. Snowden Esq.r
Director

To the Hon.ble James Ross Snowden
Director of the United States Mint at
Philadelphia.

Philadelphia May 28th 1853

The undersigned Jesse S Clark of the said City and State of Pennsylvania hereby agrees to furnish under your advertisement for the ensuing year the United States Mint with Pine Knot Charcoal Two Hundred bushels per week — delivered in such quantities as may be required at 20 cents per bushel. and enter into such guarantee as may be required for the faithful performance of the same

Jesse S Clark
Queen Street below Front Street

We the undersigned believe if the the above named Jesse S Clark offer be accepted he will faithfully and honestly discharge the duties belonging to the above contract and give full satisfaction to yourself and the department over which you preside

To the Hon. James Ross Snowden
Director of the United States Mint

Myles M Tully

Wm F Harden

George Moore and

Webb & Son

May 28. 35.

Sir,

In compliance with the request contained in your favr of the 26th inst I have ordered of Mr Troemner of this City, a balance and weights of the same size and price as that sent in March last to the Depository at Mobile which will be completed in two or three weeks and be forwarded as directed in your letter.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect
Your faithful Servant

Director

Hon. T. Ewing Washington,
Act. Sec. Treasury,
Washington City,

The Philadelphia Bank

Philadelphia May 28 1855

J. Ross Snowden Esq
Director U.S. Mint

Sir

~~Your favor of the~~ ~~instant~~ On the 18th inst. sent to the Mint for coinage a bag containing California Coins (with very few exceptions) amounting to $819.50/100

Our Teller is very confident that the bag contained the value named. We have received to day for the deposite $709.62/100 Possibly some other depositor has rec'd $100. too much. Will you have the kindness to have an investigation made so far as practicable and inform me of the result.

Yours very resp'y
W B Conyngham Cash

200
350
15
300
100
115
1080
140
$340

674.00
740

1000
300
500
2000
1000
105
135
2340

10
50
50

H R Leinderman

10 50
20 200
200 100
350

U S Mint

1855 J. Sinnards & Co

May 28 To 520 feet white pine bds 4/ 23.40

Cartg to mint 37 / 23.77

Treasury Department

May 26 1855

Sir

May I ask the favor of you to order a balance and weights for gold coin to be prepared, adjusted and shipped to the Depository at Norfolk Va, similar in size & price to that sent in Mr Cade's last to the Depository at Mobile?

If you employ Mr Froemer, please inform him that whenever his bill certified by you and accompanied with the bill of lading thereof shall have been shipped to the address of Samuel T. Lawyer Esq Collector of the Customs at Norfolk Va shall be received here, the amount will be remitted.

Very respectfully
your obed't serv't
J. G. Washington
acting Secy of Treasury

J. Rep Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Washington
March 20 1855

My dear Sir

With this you will receive the papers of Mr Summers, which please deliver to him.

In a few days we will write you upon the subject of the return of the Steamer

Very truly

P G Washington

J Rozadno Davidson Esq

Taunton May 26. 1835 -

Dan'l. Sturgeon Esq.
Treas: U.S. Mint.

Sir -

We have rec'd. your esteemed favor of the 21st inst. with check inclosed, for Eighteen hundred dollars ($1800) on account of blanks furnished you -

We shall forward the blanks ordered, with as little delay as may be, and send a package of Extracts as suggested -

Yours Very Respectfully

Crocker & Brewster.

No. 3

UNITED STATES MINT, May 26 1855

To ~~THOMAS M. PETTIT~~ J. R. Snowden Esq.
Director.

The undersigned requests the approval of the Director to procure

Materials for 20 large boxes
Lower, them lined with copper
and get two handles for them
Also to get 40 locks for Boxes
Two pieces of agate for small tools

H. L. Pochman
for Treasurer

APPROVED,

J. R. S.
Director.

20 20 100 150 300 150
400 360 360
100 115 15
600 640 325

300
300
115
115
115
48 / 660 (48 20 30 20
96 9 6 150 60
264 60
210

30 1600
1000
2600
300

May 24th 1

Sir,

As stated in my letter of the 22nd inst I called on the Assay office at New York for the information to enable me satisfactorily to answer the last part of your queries of the 21st inst, that is to know from New York that a similar inquiry was made thereby from the Treasury Department and a reply given thereto, it is unnecessary for me to forward any statement of the Constitution of the Institution there, or the terms of the Laws relative to the practice of a diminution of that fund.

I may observe however that that part of the fund at the Assay Office which by the Ordinance I take to call Coin fund ($1,000,000 eight hundred Dollars) to the Coin now in hand - $3239532.76 - is more than sufficient for that purpose. The transfer of any part of that Coin to the Assistant Treasurer's Office, may easily be made without occasioning delay in the payment of depositors: one of the objects of the Institution of Exchange should ever be, that the demand for Coin be immediately large, a transfer could be made, as to meet this demand.

I have the honor &c

Hon. W. Washington
Acting Secy of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Very Respectfully your obt Servt
James Mc Alexander
Assistor.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

Treasurer's Department.

May 24. 1855

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 23d inst, containing Assay Memorandum of fine gold bars transmitted to you for coinage on the 18th inst, also of $29.492.71 in gold Coins, per the Adams Express Co, One of the Coins being Counterfeit, I have returned the same to them, and received in exchange a Half eagle, making up the amount to $29.497.71 with which your account has been credited,

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Svt.

John J. Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasr. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Taunton May 22-1836.

Dan'l Sturgeon Esq.
Treas: U.S. Mint.
Sir -

We have
received from you from the
19th inst - & shall proceed
to make the 50 keys planchets
ordered, as the terms you
name, and will forward
them as soon as possible

Yours.
Very Respectfully.
Crocker & Brother & Co

No. 105.

Fifty Six Bars of Silver Bullion transmitted to the U.S. Mint, in pursuance of the Act of March 1855. by John F. Cisco, Treasurer of the U.S. Assay Office, New York.

1857.

May 22.

			ounces	dec.				ounces	dec.
No. 439.	2	Bars weighing	362.	13 @ 896	No. 452.	5	Bars	816.	24 @ 901
440.	1	"	198.	73 " 809½	3.	1	"	150.	90 " 898
(Gold 5½ Ag) 1.	1	"	110.	24 " 865	4	2	"	295.	92 " 799
2.	2	"	375.	62 " 748½	5.	2	"	343.	91 " 930
3.	5	"	977.	38 " 899	6.	2	"	233.	77 " 896½
4.	1	"	173.	53 " 897	7.	7	"	1161.	22 " 896
5.	1	"	188.	24 " 866	8.	3	"	526.	04 " 893½
6.	1	"	195.	41 " 896	9.	1	"	88.	20 " 893½
7.	1	"	196.	38 " 893	460.	1	"	113.	69 " 828½
8.	1	"	69.	82 " 899	1.	1	"	78.	20 " 958
9.	1	"	113.	04 " 898	2	3	"	612.	97 " 868½
450.	1	"	111.	07 " 901	3.	4	"	772.	49 " 899½
1.	1	"	104.	40 " 900	4.	5	"	918.	92 " 889
	19	weighing	8317.	99		37	Bars	6112.	47
						19	"	3175.	99

56 Bars 9288.46

88.13 (33 short)

9120.16 Stand. oz. Value $ 10612.55

Deduct for Coinage of Dollars 53.06

$ 10559.49

674/1000 oz. Stand. Gold in #441. value $ 12.54

Deduct for parting & Coinage $ 2.20 .06 2.26 10.28

Net Value $ 10569.

No. 106.

Thirty four Bars of Silver Bullion transmitted to the U. S. Mint, in pursuance of the act of March 1855, by John J. Cisco, Treasurer of the U. S. Assay Office, New York.

1857.
May 22.

					ounces dec.	
✓	No.	465.	1	bars weight	1914.59 @	998
✓	"	466.	11	" "	1907.55	998
✓	"	467.	1	" "	197.37	898½
✓	"	468.	2	" "	233.92	994½
✓	"	469.	1	" "	140.49	805
✓	"	470.	2	" "	205.54	898
✓	"	471.	1	" "	66.49	901½
	"	472.	5	" "	816.76	898½
			34		5482.71/64	.07

$6073.13 Stand. oz. 5906.60 @ $1.22½ pr. St. oz.
Value $7235.58

Eight Boxes #29 @ 36 containing

				ounces dec.	
Nos.	439 @ 464.	56	bars weighing	9288.46	
"	465 @ 472.	34	" "	5482.71	
		90		14771.17	

Aramingo Chemical Works, Philadelphia, May 22d 1855

Col. J. R. Snowden, Director of U.S. Mint, Phila.

Dear Sir

On the 16th inst., I called in Washington, on the acting Secr. of the Treasury, and handed him your letter enclosing mine to you. In the course of the conversation he stated that our application for a determined increase of the Acid contract would have to be referred to Mr. Guthrie on his return to Washington in a week from that day, when he would lay the matter before him. Would you, in the mean time, have a copy kept of the enclosed and forward it to the Department? It will give you the truth of your position in S. Francisco.

Very Respectfully yours

Maher & Sandis

ORDER No. 9

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

Philadelphia, May 21 1855

Mr. J. T. Linnard

You will please fill the following order for the Department of the undersigned. A detailed bill, numbered as above, must accompany goods upon delivery.

2 papers 2½ screws
2 Do 3/4 in Do.

H. L. Ochmann *Treasurer.*

☞ This Order is to be presented when your account with this Department is sent in for settlement.

May 21st 55.

Dear Sir,

It has been usual to place in the Cabinet of the Mint portraits of the Directors of this Institution. The first distinguished father was the first Director & I am extremely anxious to procure a likeness of him to place at the head of the series.

I have in my possession a vignette of a bank note on which is engraved a likeness of your father, since I have had some conversation with the artist. Who informs me that he can paint a likeness portrait from it if he could obtain information of the Colour of the eyes and hair and the Complexion. I would lend the vignette to you but I am afraid of losing it by Miscarriage in the mail or otherwise. It is probable that this small engraving is known to you; if so. You can give me information whether it is regarded as a good likeness and also a statement as to the points above mentioned. If however you have a portrait a daguerreotype from it would answer the purpose better.

I may remark that it has been the Custom for the Directors to furnish a portrait at his expense, and the Mint to purchase suitable and uniform frames, but as I am very anxious to procure the portrait of the first Director of the Mint I propose to procure it at

the expenses of the Mint. I hope you will do me such
favor as to furnish information as will enable me to
accomplish the object in view.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your Obt. Servant,
Saml. Ross Snowden
Director U. S. Mint.

Hon. W. F. DeSaussure
Columbia
South Carolina.

P.S. I send for your acceptance
a copy of my last annual report on
the Operations of the Mint and its Branches.
S. R. S.

Treasury Department
May 21. 1855.

Sir

I acknowledged by the mail of yesterday, the receipt of yours of the 19th. instant and enclosed a draft on the Asst. Treasurer at Philad.a in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint for $50.000. on a/c of the bullion fund. The Treasurer will this day send a draft for $950.000 for the same object. Shall you be pleased to inform the department for how long a time this increase of the bullion fund will be required. and whether a portion of the fund to the credit of the Treasurer of the U.S. with the Treasurer at the Assay office at N. York might not be withdrawn without interfering with the operations of the office.

I am very Resp.y
A. Washington.
Acting Sec.y of the Treasury

J. R. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philad.a

May 22nd 5.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favors of the 10th and 15th inst. the former enclosing transfer draft for $50.000 in favor of the Treas. of the Mint on the Assistant Treasurer here. The draft mentioned in the Letter for $50.000 in favor of the Mint on the Assistant Treas. also New York has also been received. Your transfers will be effected immediately.

In reply to your inquiry as to how long the increase of a million to our Collection fund will be required, I have to state that it may be withdrawn as soon as the repairs of the Mint are completed; this I suppose, from information obtained from Capt. Boorman, will be accomplished in two, or three months at furthest, from the time the work is actually Commenced.

Before giving an opinion on the question whether a portion of the Collection fund at the Assay Office at New York may not be withdrawn without interfering with the operations of that Office I have deemed it prudent to ask for some information from that Officer & will address you on the subject.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

To Act. Sec Treas.

Treasury of the U States
May 21 1855

Treasurer Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa

Sir-

Enclosed you will receive Transfer draft No. 1930 in your favor, on the Asst Treasurer U.S. New York for $950.000- which you will please place to my credit on your books on Bullion account-

very respectfully yours

Wm. H. Randolph
acting Secs. U.S.

Treasury Department
May 26 1855.

Sir

Your communication of yesterday's date is received and will receive the attention of the Department.

I send enclosed a draft on the Assistant Treasurer in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint as requested by you.

I am very Resp
P. Washington.
Asst. Sec of the Treasury.

J R Snowden Esq
Director of Mint

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Mint of the United States
Philadelphia 19 May 1855

Sir,

The Bullion Fund of the Mint has become so much reduced, especially in gold, that we are under apprehension that we may be unable to meet our deposits unless a transfer be made to this account; and I have now to ask that such a transfer be made. In presenting this request I have to offer the following explanations.

The Balance to the credit of the Bullion Fund, at this date is $1,633,354.16

Which amount the following distribution is made

	Silver	Gold	
Coin in the Treasury	$120,581.56	$30,996.	$151,577.56
Bullion in the various departments, partly estimated	$517,163.39	$464,140.21	$981,776.60
Total			1,633,354.16

From the above statement you will perceive that the greater part of this fund, whether in bullion or coin, is silver, and consequently unavailable in the payment of deposits. Of gold we have but $30,996. in coin at this time, while the deposits unpaid and demandable are about $109,000. And the entire amount of gold in the Mint, bullion and coin, is less than half a million, if it were all realized. Without reference, therefore, to other considerations it is evident that an immediate in-

crease of our fund in coin, is indispensable to enable us
to continue prompt payment. A small amount would
doubtless suffice for this purpose were the manufacturing
departments of the Mint to continue uninterrupted. But
I am advised by Capt. Brannan that an early commence-
ment will be made in altering our building so as to ren-
der it fire-proof. As a consequence, our refining & coining
operations must be suspended. There is not, however, any
indispensable necessity to discontinue the receipt, assay &
payment of deposits; and to avoid the inconvenience which
might arise from such discontinuance I propose that these
operations should be carried on without interruption. To do
this will require a considerable increase of coin in the bull-
ion fund, since we must be prepared to pay for the deposits
without the aid of coin from our coining department. In
view, therefore, of this contingent demand on our resources
I deem it proper to ask for a much larger increase to our
bullion funds than would otherwise be proper. The sum
which I think we shall need in gold coin, is One million
dollars, for which I have to request that you will issue trans-
fer drafts in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint. Allow me
further to suggest that, inasmuch as a small portion of this
amount is of immediate necessity, a draft of twenty-five to
fifty thousand be issued on the Assistant Treasury here, to
enable us to place us at once in funds.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
your faithful servt
James Ross Snowden.
Director

Hon. Jas. Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington

29.

8 Fine Gold Bars transmitted to the U.S. Mint for Coinage.

~~Deposits of Gold Bullion, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.~~

Assay Number.	Gross Weight. Oz.	Gross Weight. Dec.	Proportion of Gold. 1000ths.	Standard Weight. oz.	Standard Weight. dec.	Value of Gold. $	Value of Gold. c	Proportion of Silver. 1000ths.	Amount of Silver, Less 1-00th left unextracted in Standard Gold. Standard Weight. oz.	Amount of Silver, Less 1-00th left unextracted in Standard Gold. Standard Weight. dec.	Amount of Silver, Less 1-00th left unextracted in Standard Gold. Value. $	Amount of Silver, Less 1-00th left unextracted in Standard Gold. Value. c	Charges on the Deposit. Parting. $	Parting. c	Coinage. $	Coinage. c	Bars. $	Bars. c	Total. $	Total. c	Net Value of Deposit. Dollars.	Net Value of Deposit. Cents.
1113	244	46	993½			5020	59															
1167	259	39	992½			5321	85															
1208	246	23	992			5049	31															
1282	17	13	992			351	28															
1297	123	27	992			2527	83															
1308	59	67	992			1223	62															
1325	246	46	992			5064	28															
1328	248	10	992			5087	65															
	1445	21		1593	494	29646	43							148	23	—				148	23	29498	18

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Office Ins. co of North America

Philad. May 19. 1855

Dear Sir,

We find no payment of $30. June 10/54 or anywhere thereabouts - The only premium of that amo. was settled May 18. 1854 and then included in $183.75 /

The $30. to which you allude was incl of $1000 Ship Pamphero fm N Y to L Z.

It will afford us pleasure to give you a duplicate receipt if you will give us a clue to the Number of the policy or policies, which will enable us to ascertain the time when a claim referred to

Yours truly
Henry D Sherrerd Sec

Dr J Rapp Swanton Esq
Directors Board

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

Treasurer's Department.

May 18. 1855

Sir

I have this day forwarded per the Adams Express Co. as per their receipt & my statement enclosed, one box containing 8 fine gold bars, weighing gross 1.445.21 oz. of the Net Value of $29.498.18, in payment of which I will thank you to return me Half Eagles.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
J. Thos. L. Ellis
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treas" U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 29. Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.
One Box containing 1445.21 Ozs. Fine Gold Bullion,
3 " " Silver "
Parcel "
Amounting in Net value to $ 29.498.18
Twenty Nine Thousand four hundred
& ninety eight 18/100 dollars
which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at Fifty
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.
New York, May 18th 1875.

John J. Cisco
Wm Adams Exp. Agt

Treasury Department
First Auditors Office
May 18th: 1835

Hon: Dan'l Sturgeon
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

I have this day received your Bullion Accounts for the Quarter Ending 31st March last

The Comptroller of the Treasury agrees with me in opinion that the charge for transportation of the boxes containing those accounts should in future be re-paid out of your contingent fund -

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
T. L. Smith

Auditor

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1855/MAY

April 30th. 6.

Sir:

The monthly count of the Balance in the Treasury of the Mint at the close of this days business, shews an agreement between the amount on hands, and the balance as stated upon the treasurer's books of age. viz: Coin in the Mint Treasury, $718,958.11. as follows: In Gold Coins, $200,000.00

Silver " 169,000.00
Cent " 4,000.00
Copper funds, 958.00 = $718,958.11

The amount at the same time in the Philadelphia treasurers custody was found by count to be $606,909.98/100 - in Gold and Silver Coins, agreeing with the balance as derived from his books of age.

The usual examination of the books &c; and of the institution generally, exhibited care and fidelity in the business of the several departments and attention to the interests alike of the government and the public.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your obt. Servt.

Saml. Pope Snowden.
Director.

Hon: James Guthrie,
Secretary of Treasury,
Washington City.

May 2 5

Sir,

In compliance with the act of March 3. 1853. I present herewith a quarterly Statement of the expenditures of the Mint for the Quarter ending on the 31st March 1855.

Statement of the Expenditures of the Mint for 1st Qr. 1855.

For Incidental & Contingent Expenses,		$38,961.70
" Wages of Workmen,		22,829.45
" Salaries of Officers & Clerks,		6,975.00
		$68,766.15

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,
James Ross Snowden.
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

Treasurer's Department.

May 3 1855.

Sir

As per Receipt & my Statement enclosed, I have this day forwarded per the Adams Express Co. four boxes containing Unparted Silver Bullion, weighing Gross 5.618.17 Oz. of the Net Value of $ 6.535.80, and three Specimen Gold Bars, 53.10 Oz Gross, Net Value $ 1.089.77 in all, $ 7.625.57, for which you will please to remit at your earliest convenience, Gold Coins & Silver Dollars, together with the amount due for Silver Bullion forwarded you on the 12th Ult.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Wm. J. Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treas. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 28.

Received of the Treasurer of the United States

Assay Office, New York.

Four { Boxes containing 53.10 Op. Gross Gold Bullion,
" " 5.618.17 " " Silver "
Parcel " "

Amounting in Net value to $ 7.625.57

Seven Thousand Six hundred and

Twenty five 57/100 Dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at Fifty Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, May 3rd 1855. John Hoey

for Adams Express Co

Deposits of Silver Bullion & Fine Gold Bars.

Deposits of Gold Bullion.

28.

Assay Number.	Gross Weight. Oz.	Gross Weight. Dec.	Proportion of Gold. Silver. 1000ths.	Standard Weight. Oz.	Standard Weight. Dec.	Value of Gold. Silver. Dollars.	Value of Gold. Silver. Cents.	Proportion of Silver. 1000ths.	Silver Parted. N. B.—1-99th of the Std. Wt. of Gold is the Std. Weight of Silver left for alloy. Standard Weight. Oz.	Silver Parted. N. B.—1-99th of the Std. Wt. of Gold is the Std. Weight of Silver left for alloy. Standard Weight. dec.	Silver Parted. N. B.—1-99th of the Std. Wt. of Gold is the Std. Weight of Silver left for alloy. Value. $	Silver Parted. N. B.—1-99th of the Std. Wt. of Gold is the Std. Weight of Silver left for alloy. Value. c	Charges on the Deposit. Parting. $	Charges on the Deposit. Parting. c	Charges on the Deposit. Coinage. $	Charges on the Deposit. Coinage. c	Charges on the Deposit. Bars. $	Charges on the Deposit. Bars. c	Charges on the Deposit. Total. $	Charges on the Deposit. Total. c	Net Value of Deposit. Dollars.	Net Value of Deposit. Cents.	Premium on Silver. Per Cent. $	Premium on Silver. Per Cent. c	Depositors' Names.	Box Number.	Date.	MODE OF PAYMENT. In Gold Coins. $	MODE OF PAYMENT. In Gold Coins. c	MODE OF PAYMENT. In Bars. $	MODE OF PAYMENT. In Bars. c	MODE OF PAYMENT. Total. $	MODE OF PAYMENT. Total. c
2	512	20	894½		.98																														
2	138	73	775		.97																														
3	477	63	900		.97																														
4	556	14	900		1.00																														
5	475	27	901½		2.63																														
6	504	47	894		1.73																														
7	630	95	876		1.05																														
8	838	30	901		1.20																														
9	573	75	960½		1.05																														
30	396	76	900½		1.14																														
1	508	97	901		1.03																														
	5618	17		1333	5616	70	653	580	—	—	—	—	3268	—	—	650312	Payable in Silver Dollars.																				

May 4th 45.

Dear Sir,

In Consequence of the diminished supply of imported Rattan, it became necessary to discontinue the force employed in the Separating or parting room in your department. It was agreed upon in our Conference to day, you will please notify the following named workmen employed therein, that upon the 16th inst. their services will not be required. Viz: John Pattin, W. C. Bryant, Edwd. A. Boyle, M.L. Kelly, Jams. McDermott, Thomas Mackaware and Thomas Keany.

You will express to these gentlemen individually my great respect, that the business of the Yard does not require their further employment, and that nothing but the imperative force of duty, dictates the decision in question.

Very Respectfully

James Ross Snowden,
Director U.S. Mint.

James C. Booth Esq.
Melter & Refiner.
U.S. Mint.

Sevierville Tennessee
May 5th 1855

Epayor U. S. Mint.

I send some ore that I suppose to be Copper ore. I want it Epayed, to know what it contains and what per cent. There have been some frauds committed by Epayors in this Country. Please epay and reply immediately to the undersigned at this office

Yours &c.

D. M. Hammer
Sevierville
Tennessee

May 14. 57.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 8th inst. enclosing some specimen ore for assay. In reply I have to state, that while it would give me pleasure to comply with your request I have to decline doing so as it is not our practice to assay specimens of ores, the legitimate operations of the Assay Department being confined to the Assaying of Gold and Silver deposited for coinage.

I am, very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Samm Pope Snowden
Assayer.

Wm L. M. Hammer
Sevierville
Tennessee

Office of the Melter & Refiner
United States Mint
5 May, 1856.

Dear Sir:

I respectfully submit the following Report on the Refining operations of the Mint, in reply to your communication of 17th. march; merely remarking that the labor of digesting and constructing the accompanying tables & exhibits, while engaged in preparing the Refining Department for recommencing operations has been the chief cause of delay.

During the years 1854 and 1855, the quantity of gold refined was small in comparison to that of Silver prepared for coinage; and since a large proportion of the expenses in my dept. was due to melting operations, expressly for coinage and the expenditure embraced materials and work both for refining and melting, it was found to be impracticable to determine with approximate accuracy the actual cost of refining as an independent operation, during these years. I therefore selected the next preceding year, 1853, as the last antecedent to the present, from which reliable estimates could be obtained, but which, at the same time, enables us to determine the cost of refining gold, when large amounts are submitted to that operation, as the California Branch Mint and the Assay Office did not go into operation until the following year, 1854.

I reply to the several points in your communication in the order you have named:

I. "The number of Workmen and their wages in the Mint, detailing the number engaged in each branch of the refining operations, including the preparatory and subsequent melting, assaying and making sweeps, during the year" 1853.

The accompanying Exhibit C shows the number of hands engaged in & connected with the Refining to have been 30. While more hands were occasionally employed in Refining, some of the above were at times employed in melting operations incident to Coinage. Of the economy of detailing the same set of hands to perform various operations, I have availed myself whenever it was practicable, which may in some measure account for the large amount of business executed in the Mint with a moderate manual force. The cost of the 30 hands for the year was $18,882.24

II. "The specific amount and cost of each material used in melting and refining, and the cost of repairs to apparatus and machinery, necessarily connected with the refining operations for the same period."

As the "amount" of each material would have involved a very cumbrous statement, I have confined myself to the "cost", and to the cost of melting, so far as it is incident to refining, but I trust this Statement will convey all you design to ascertain.

In order to obtain correct data, I critically examined every bill paid by the Mint on account of my Dept in 1853 and carefully noted every item incident to refining, by which I was enabled to determine the proportion between the expenditures for refining and for coinage. The amounts of bills paid for each specific article or class of articles, with date of payment, and proportion due to refining are presented in detail in Exhibit A. and their aggregates in Exhibit B. The total expenditure for wear & tear and materials, connected with refining, is $ 104,785.90

III. "The Amount gold received and refined and the wastage on the same for that year" 1853. The gold received in the latter part of 1853 was refined in 1854, but as the amount received in the latter part of 1852, and refined in the beginning of 1853 was the same in amount, I have taken the Treasurer's returns of the whole amount received in 1853, together with his returns of wastage, of parting charges & of silver parted for the benefit of the Mint. These amounts are severally shown in Exhibits D. E. F. and G.

From these it appears that the whole amount of gold deposited in 1853 was valued at $ 48,062,663.85; and the wastage for the year was $ 31,553.25, of which $ 25,242.60 is chargeable to Refining.

IV. "What rate of parting & refining charge would be necessary, in your opinion, to defray all the expenses incident to that operation in the Mint, including cost of materials of every kind, wages of workmen, wear and tear of fixtures and apparatus, and wastage of precious metals, based upon the amount of gold received in" 1853.

This is most satisfactorily answered by constructing an account between the Refining Dept. and the Mint, to embrace the items in the several Exhibits A. to G.

Refining Department in acct. with the United States Mint:

Dr.

To materials, as per Exhibits A. & B.	$ 104,785.90	
" Wages, Exh. C.	18,882.24	
" Wastage, Exh. D.	25,242.60	
" balance, profit for contingencies, &c.	2900.57	$ 151,811.31

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By Parting Charges, Exh. E.	$ 139,307.70	
" Silver parted for mint, Exh. G.	12,503.61	$ 151,811.31

From the above statement it appears that the charge of five (5) cts. per ounce for refining gold, was adequate, in 1853, to cover the expenses of refining in the U.S. Mint.

V and VI. If, as shown in IV, a charge of 5 cts. per ounce was sufficient to cover refining expenses, with a refining activity of $ 50,000,000. per ann., a smaller charge could be made for an increased activity of 50 per ct., & that the charge of 4½ and even 4 cents per oz. would be sufficient to defray expenses. For, since 1853, I have substituted anthracite for charcoal in all melting operations, except that of deposits, saving about $ 7000. per ann. in the cost of fuel, and have saved a portion of the cost of acid, which is the most costly material employed in refining, besides introducing various economical alterations in the processes, whereby the present actual expenses of refining are reduced below their former rate.

It is more difficult to estimate the cost of refining with a decrease of 50 per ct. in the amount of gold refined. If the same number hands be retained, after much reduction, the rate of charge per parting would have to be increased to 6 or 7 cts. per oz. in order to cover the expense of the same. But if the number of hands be diminished in proportion to the general reduction of business, not only of hands immediately engaged in refining, but of those incidentally connected with it, it appears to me that the parting charge need not be increased beyond its present rate of 5 cents. I avoid the question whether a surplus of manual force should always be held in readiness for an emergency, as not falling within the limits of your inquiries, except to remark that such surplus may always be employed in other operations of melting, coinage, &c: when not required for refining. It will be perceived, therefore, that under the conditions stated above, of reduction of cost proportionate to the business transacted, I do not believe it to be necessary to alter the present parting charge of 5 cts. per ounce, in order to defray all the expenses incident to refining.

VII "What reduction, if any, can be made in your judgment, as to the number of persons employed, or the wages paid to such persons?"

In the rate of wages, I cannot propose a reduction, our rate being from $ 1.90 to $ 2.00 per day for a position of great responsibility and temptation, and this rate being scarcely in advance of what it was some years since, altho' it is now too evident that there has been a permanent increase in the expenses of living. I would therefore respectfully submit whether the rate of pay may not rather be advanced.

Since the business of refining gold is chiefly divided between the California Branch Mint and the New-York Assay Office, we have retained but five (5) hands, including a fireman, who are acquainted with the operations of refining, and as we are occasionally called on to refine gold, I propose still to retain this number, as necessary for our purposes. But as the same hands when not occupied with refining could be and are more or less employed in the melting department, I think that the number of hands might be reduced in the melting department without detriment to the efficiency of the Mint.

VIII "Any other information" in relation to "any increase in the charges to depositors".

I can only speak of those which relate to melting & refining operations, for want of experience in regard to coinage & other charges.

I do not think it necessary to increase the charges as far as relates to melting & refining

golds, as I believe them to cover the cost, even at the present reduced charge of refining at the mint, because some of the costs are saved during intervals of refining, by employing the hands in other branches of the mint. Advantages are thus possessed, when other operations are conducted beside mere refining, which the comparatively moderate charge for refining in the California Branch Mint, which according to a calculation made by the late Melter & Refiner, Mr. John Newton, after some experience, was amply sufficient to defray the attendant expenses.

If the charges be increased, the tendency will be twofold, 1st to reduce private refining, 2nd to invite the exportation of unrefined bullion. That the former is desirable, may be inferred from the act of 4 March, 1853, rather offering inducements to private refiners. That the exportation of unrefined gold is objectionable, I have never been able to perceive. Gold, like any other merchandize, should be allowed to find its way where it is attracted, & in such condition as is most for the interest of the owner, nor should it be tampered by a bonus for home retention, more than for exportation. It will always be drawn to this country in sufficient quantity for the necessary circulating currency of the community. I can, therefore, see no objection to the exportation of unrefined gold, which would doubtless take place upon any considerable increase in parting charges. Moreover, I think it may be shown that an increased parting charge should be made to carry out the spirit, if not the letter of the act, which limits the charges, in their strictest sense to the actual expenses of the mints. Our present charges do not cover the cost of parting; for, altho' a mere coining establishment must be supplied with officers, who can at the same perform the duties connected with refining, and whose salaries therefore should not be included in estimating the expenses of refining, yet such a number of officers, including clerks, would not be sufficient, where the refining operations are conducted on a large scale and therefore a larger number must necessarily be employed than when affiliated. The salaries of the increased force, growing essentially out of the refining process and not necessarily required for other operations, should form an element in calculating the rate of charges to depositors of gold dust for parting the same, in accordance with the spirit of the mint Law of 1837, Sec. 18. Since, then, our charges do not fairly cover the cost of parting, in the strictest sense, they should be increased.

If an increase of parting charges should have the effect, either of inducing private refining or of exporting unrefined bullion, we should then approximate to the letter and spirit of the Constitution of the United States, which gives Congress the power to "coin money" but not to refine. When the production of gold is small, it may be tolerated to interpret this power, as applicable to all the steps preparatory to coinage; but even then, it might be extended to embrace the separation of gold from its ore as well as from silver. Where, however, the production of gold becomes greater than the necessities of the community for a circulating medium, it stands in the light of any other metal extracted from the earth & is neither more nor less than so much crude mine of corresponding value. For the Government to undertake its refining at the same, as if it refined so much iron; it is to favor

no portion of the community without bestowing a corresponding or equivalent benefit on the rest; it is to compete with private individuals as a manufacturer, without the slightest benefit accruing to the Government.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
(Signed) Jacob Brock
M.H.

Hon. J. R. Snowden,
Director U.S. Mint.

A.

Wages & Extra time of Employees in the Refinery during the Year 1855.

Month				
January 8	Forward	Wages @ $189	$ 1512.00	
		Extra time	88.20	$ 1600.20
February 8	"	Wages @ $168	1344.00	
		Extra time	7.00	1351.00
March 8	"	Wages @ $189	1512.00	
		Extra time	5.60	1517.60
April 8	"	Wages	1400.00	
		Extra time	19.60	1419.60
May 9	"	Wages	1545.70	
		Extra time	553.95	2099.65
June 9	"	Wages	1586.00	
		Extra time	1094.20	2680.20
July 9	"	Wages	1586.00	
		Extra time	371.60	1957.60
August 9	"	Wages	1642.00	
		Extra time	65.74	1707.74
Septbr 9	"	Wages	1530.00	
		Extra time	429.80	1959.80
October 10	"	Wages	1750.80	
		Extra time	222.30	1973.10
Novbr 10	"	Wages	1768.00	
		Extra time	196.00	1964.60
Decbr 10	"	Wages	1846.00	
		Extra time	336.10	2182.10
		Total of Wages $ 19022.50		22413.19
		" Extra time 3390.69	$ 22413.19	

Wages & Estimate of Employed in the Refinery during the first Quarter 1856.

Month				
January	Monthly pay		$1674.00	
		Extra time	235.30	$1909.30
February	do.	do.	1625.00	
		do.	523.70	2148.70
March	do.		2198.00	
		do.	675.10	2873.10
	Total of Wages		$5497.00	$6931.10
	" " Estimate		1434.10	$6931.10

B.

Gold Bullion refined during the year 1855.

	Ozs. Gross Wt.		Ozs. Std. Wght.
1st. quarter	183206	183206.61	180949.431
2d. "		265051.56	260373.820
3d. "		318496.85	311999.171
4th "		201903.26	198380.653
Total Qt.		968658.38	951652.552

Valued at $18.60 p. St. ounce $ 17,700,707.46

Charges thereon:

Nitric acid	359678 lb	@ 13¢	$46758.14
Ol Vitriol	66276 "	" 6	3976.56
Carboys	3332 pieces	" 50	1666.00
Lead	66422 lb	" 5	3321.10
Salt for 130 Runs @ ½ ton = 65 tons		@ $35	2275.00
Shooting, 76 pieces	@ $15.		1140.00
Coals 127 tons	" $21.		2667.00
Wood 12 loads	" $13.		156.00
Chemicals, lights & incidental Expenses			200.00
			62159.70
Wages as p. Pay Roll			22413.19
Total Cost of Refining			84572.89

Average Cost $\frac{8}{100}$ cts. p. ounce

Waste: Ozs. 128.29 or ⅛ of 1/100

Proportional to the above Calculation 100 millions $ Value would cost Refining 19125.00

½ Cents additional to the above Cost $\frac{8}{100}$ would cover Interest Wear & incidentals Expended

Gold Bullion refined during the 1st Quarter of 1886.

	Ozs. Troy right.	Ozs. Standd.
Deposits	3500.47	365804.596
Gold parted from Ordain		6668.404
Total Amt. refined	3800.47	372028.000

Charged thereon:

Nitric Acid used	14198 lb @ 13¢	$ 18342.74
Oil Vitriol	26000 lb	1560.00
Carboys, furnished & fd	1307 pieces 50¢	653.50
Lime	26000 lb " 5"	1300.00
Salt for 81 Runs @ ½ ton	25½ tons @ $ 35.	892.50
Sheeting, abt 30 pieces @ $ 15.		450.00
Coal " 50 Tons " 21.		1050.00
Wood " 5 Cords " 13.		65.00
Chemicals, Lights & incidental Expenses		50.00
Cost of Materials		$ 24398.74
Wages as p. Pay Rolls		6931.10
Total Cost of Refining		$ 1824.64
Average Cost 6 25/100 Cents p. ounce		
Cost Gen. Materials		97574.96
" " Wages & Extra time		27724.40
Total for Year		125,299.26

Waste, unknown until Annual Settlement

According to the above Calculation 40 millions of Dollars Value of gold would cost Refining $ 179,000.00

1½ Cents added to the above Cost of 7½ would cover Coal, Lead & incidental Expenses.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

Treasurer's Department.

May 7th 1855.

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 5th inst, as also of $ 4.392.05 in Silver Dollars, being in payment of fine bullion forwarded you on the 12th ult. and have placed the same to the Cr. of your account.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Jno. J. Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treas. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

ORDER No. 3

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

Philadelphia, 8 May 1858

Jerome
Mr Tompkins

You will please fill the following order for the Department of the undersigned.
A detailed bill, numbered as above, must accompany goods upon delivery.

1 Steel pen for platform Scale (Assay Room)

H. L. Cochran
p. Treasurer ~~Chief Coiner.~~

☞ This Order is to be presented when your account with this Department is sent in for settlement.

ORDER No. 2

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

Philadelphia, 8 May 1855

Mr Woman

You will please fill the following order for the Department of the undersigned.
A detailed bill, numbered as above, must accompany goods upon delivery,

2000 colored yellow cards (of the size of sample)
1 Ream of Yellow envelope paper (weighing about
1 lb. drawn to the quire

H.S. Cochran for Egas ~~Chief Coiner~~

☞ This Order is to be presented when your account with this Department is sent in for settlement.

PROPOSALS FOR COAL, CHARCOAL AND WOOD.— MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,
May 8th, 1855.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this Institution until 12 o'clock, M., of SATURDAY, the 9th day of June next, for furnishing and delivering at the Mint, at such time and in such quantities as may be required, between the 1st of July next and the 30th of June ensuing (1856,) inclusively, the following specified articles, viz:—

A supply of the best quality Anthracite Lehigh Coal, (of the lump and steamboat sizes,) and entirely free from slate, bone or other foreign substances—each ton delivered to be of 2000 pounds weight.

A supply of the best quality of pine knot wood Charcoal, and of good dry Hickory and Spruce Pine Wood; the whole to be subject to the inspection and approval of the Director of the Mint.

For the information of bidders, it may be stated that about twenty-five tons of Coal of the steamboat size, and one ton of the lump or larger size, and about two hundred bushels of Charcoal and five cords of hickory and three of pine Wood, are used per week.

The Proposals may be made for the articles separately, and should be endorsed "Proposals for Coal" and "Proposals for Wood," and directed to the Director of the Mint United States.

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Extract from Pennsylvania (illegible) of Wednesday, May 9th, 1855.

May 9th:, 1

Sir,

On the 29th. day of October, 1849, Mr. Selden, then Secretary of the U. S., entrusted me to satisfy a mortgage given by Samuel R. Todd, of the City of Philadelphia, a Surgeon in the Navy, for the payment of $4,000. and interest. On the 22nd. of that month I received the money ($4381.33) and deposited it in the Office of the Asst. Treasurer here to the credit of Mr. Todd's acct., and sent the certificate to Mr. Selden. The same day I satisfied the mortgage. Mr. R. B. Houston, the owner of the property, had called the same day the counsel for the purchaser raised an objection to the power of Attorney from Mr. Selden to me because it is not, as he says, formerly acknowledged; that is to say, that it should have been executed before the Mayor of the City of Washington or a Commissioner for Pennsylvania in that City. It is proposed, however, to remove the objection by having an affidavit made by Mr. Van Zandt, the subscribing witness to the power of Attorney, taken before either of the above authorities, as to the execution of the instrument. If Mr. Van Zandt is in Washington will you please cause this affidavit to be taken? It is also requested that you will give a certificate that the amount paid on the mortgage was applied to Mr. Todd's account. Please inform me when the papers are returned to you, what expense had been incurred and I will have it and to you.

Very respectfully & truly

Yours &c.

A. Coley, Esq.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

Treasurer's Department.

May 9th 1855

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 8th inst. also of Sixty Thousand, Five Hundred & Two 60/100 dollars (Silver) per the Adams Express Co. in payment of Unparted Silver bullion, forwarded you on the 3d inst.

I have not yet received from you Assay Memo of fine gold bars, forwarded at the same time.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Jno. J. Cisco
Treasurer

Robt Patterson Esq
Actg Treasr U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

U. S. Mint
Treasury Dept } Order No 4
1855 Bot of J. T. Linnard

May 10	1 pr 3 in Brass Butts @		.20
"	1 pr 2 in do do —		12
"	4 Brass Hooks Eyes @ —		20
			.52

ORDER No. 11

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

Philadelphia, 10 May 1856

Messrs Morgan & Co

You will please fill the following order for the Department of the undersigned. A detailed bill, numbered as above, must accompany goods upon delivery.

3 chisels
~~4 Dram rabbets~~
2 short bars
dozen 4 chisels

Weigh Room

J. J. Boehm *Treasurer.*

☞ This Order is to be presented when your account with this Department is sent in for settlement.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

Treasurer's Department.

May 10, 1855

Sir

Your letter of the 9th inst is received, also, per the Adams Express Co, One thousand & eighty three 89/100 dollars in gold Coins, as per your Memorandum, in payment of Specimen fine gold bars, transmitted on the 3d inst, and the amount has been passed to your Credit

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
John A Dix
Treasurer

Robt Patterson Esq
Acty Treas US Mint
Philadelphia

ORDER No. 4

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

Philadelphia, 10 May 1855

J. G. Leonard Esq

You will please fill the following order for the Department of the undersigned. A detailed bill, numbered as above, must accompany goods upon delivery.

Ten gut butt Hinges 4 pm Hooks & Eyes

H. L. Cochran for Pressm ~~Chief Coiner~~.

☞ This Order is to be presented when your account with this Department is sent in for settlement.

Philada May 11th 1855

Mr Snider

Bot of Edmund Draper

one bottle lacquer ——— $1-

$1 Rec't payment

Edm Draper

No. 2

UNITED STATES MINT, May 10th 1855

J. R. Snowden

To ~~THOMAS M. PETTIT~~, ESQ.,

Director.

The undersigned requests the approval of the Director to procure

Materials for Lacquer
to cover the Scales in Treasurer
Weigh Room
Hinges Hooks & Platform Scale
cover

H. L. Pochran
for Treasurer

APPROVED,

S. R. S.

Director.

ORDER No. 5

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

Philadelphia, 11 May 1858

Mr. Snyder

You will please fill the following order for the Department of the undersigned.
A detailed bill, numbered as above, must accompany goods upon delivery.

Materials for Lacquer for Scale

H. A. Cochran Jr Asst. Chief Coiner

☞ This Order is to be presented when your account with this Department is sent in for settlement.

Treasury of the U States
May 11th 1835

James Mc Simmons Esq
Collector
U.S. Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Sir,

I deliver herewith the Power of Attorney and Mortgage executed with your letter of 9th inst & enclose also the deposition of R. B. Van Zandt taken before a Commissioner in Pennsylvania as to the Signatures of Wm Selden late Treasurer & said Power of Attorney, and by Certificate that the $ 11.291.33 deposited 22nd October 1834 was covered into the Treasury for the credit of Samuel T. Todd Purser U.S.N.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Asst. Treas U States

Philadelphia, May 14 1856

Mr The U.S. Mint

Bought of **WILLIAM GILBERT,**

MANUFACTURER OF

PLANISHED AND PLAIN TIN WARE,

Baths Lined with Copper, Metallic Roofing and Flooring, Fancy Gas Lamps, &c.

No. 51 S. Seventh Street, below Market.

1 water pot	40 Cts

Rec.d Payment

Wm Gilbert

Yonkers, West Chester County
N.Y. May 14. 1855

Col. Snowden

Dr Sir

Mr. Kent at U.S. Assay Office informs me that Prof. Booth has examined our improved Safety Hoist Machine & thinks it will occupy more room than you can spare at the Mint —

We can build a lifting power consisting of a worm & wheel & screw that will occupy much less room — & can at the same time apply our safety apparatus, & make the whole to operate in the same manner, equally as convenient & safe as the one at the Assay Office — I shall be in your city about the first of next week, & would like to furnish your machines if agreeable to you

Yours Respectfully
E. G. Otis
for W. Cahlz

P.S. If you have engaged your machines please inform me by letter of mail

May 16th 5.

Dear Sir,

We reply to your favor of the 14th inst. I have to state that we have taken no action on the subject of inspecting and hoisting apparatus, and I will be glad to see you on the subject next week, as stated by you, or at such time as may suit your convenience.

Very Respectfully

Sam. Rob. Vaccuden,
Director U.S. Mint.

Thomas Oakley Esq.
Yonkers,
West Chester Co.
New York.

Treasury Department
May 12. 1855.

Sir

The Mayor of Boston has applied for permission to have coined at the Mint a number of the Public School Medals as heretofore. If there be no objection you will be pleased to cause the Medals to be struck and the proceeds to be placed to the credit of the Medal fund, as in the case of the Mass. Hist. Society.

I am very Respy
B. Washington
Asst. Sec of the Treasury.

J. R. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philada.

Treasury Department.
Comptroller's Office.
May 16th 1855.

Daniel Sturgeon Esq.
Treasurer of the United States Mint at
Philadelphia. Pennsylvania.

Sir.

Your account of Copper Coinage, as Treasurer of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, for the Quarter ending the 31st day of March 1855, has been adjusted at this Department and the balance found in the Mint is —— $431.55
thus distributed:—

Copper Account	$244.50	
Copper Coinage	187.05	$431.05

which agrees with your account.

Most Sincerely
Yours

E. Whittlesey
Comptroller.

Bank of Albion
Albion Orleans Co NY.
May 16 1865

Treasurer
U.S. Mint
Denver

I send herewith a Draft
herewith to buy $500 in Greenbacks Dollars.
I do not know whether your
regulations admit of your taking
drafts: if not, I will send
Gold. This mode, if admissible,
lessens the expense

Yours respt

H A King
Pres.

Mercantile Bank
N York

copy

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, May 8, 1855

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to send you herewith a pamphlet copy of my last report of the operations of the Mint recently printed by order of the late House of Representatives.

As the report is now in a more readable form than when it was transmitted to you in manuscript it has occured to me as being proper to ask your notice of the following subjects embraced in it.

1. The proposed change in the time of making the Directors Annual report.
Page 1. The fact that the report is only now published shows the propriety of the change, of the information contained in it, is considered of importance to the Government or the Congress.

2. The establishment of a medal department at the Mint pg. 8. 5 to 10.

3. The propriety of substituting some

suitable alloy for the present
copper coinage and thus
reduce the size and weight
of the coin and render it less
forgeable. pp 11, 12 & 13,

4. The repeal of all laws which
make foreign coins a legal
tender.

I am, with great respect
Your Excellency's most obt Servt

(Sign) James Ross Snowden

His Excellency
Franklin Pierce
President of the United States.

May. 18th 46

Sir,

Your letter of the 16th inst to Dr. Sturgeon has been handed to me, and in reply I have to state that there were half dimes coined in 1846 and Cents in 1823. The amount of Coinage you will find stated in the letter attached to my last annual report, a Copy of which I send you.

The Mint was established in 1792, that is the Law for it was passed in that year — The Coinage of Coppers Commenced in 1793; of Silver in 1794; of Gold, in 1795.

I have not some details of information relating to the early Coinage of the Colonies, scattered in various works, not very accessible at present, but I have been informed that C. I. Bushnell Esq of New York is preparing for the press an elaborate work on this subject, illustrated with engravings.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt

Robt Shriver Esq
Cumberland
Maryland.

Saml Rop Snowden
Director U.S. Mint.

Cumberland May 16 1855.

Dan'l Sturgeon Esq Jr.

Dear Sir.

You will confer a great favor on me by informing me whether there were any half dimes coined in the year 1846.— and in what year the first coinage was actually commenced by the U. S. Government. I have heard some persons (who profess to know) say that it commenced in 1792. Others in 1793. I should like to know also, if possible, how many cents were struck in 1823.

Can you inform me whether there is any work published containing a full description of the coins & coinage of the colonies or separate states and the U. S. Government. If so please let me know the title, author's name and the publishers price.—if possible—& oblige

Yours very respectfully

Robert Shriver

Philad[a] May 14th 1855

I agree to furnish the United States Mint with the best quality of Ice during the present Season at such Times and in such quantities as shall be required at the rate of 25 cts per Bushel of 80 lb weight to the Bushel

Peter Wagner
Proprietor No 5.
Madison st

To Col Snowden
of the United Mint

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, 17th May 1855

Dear Sir

In accordance with your suggestion, I have called upon Profr. Booth & Mr Ludlow, & have also had a personal interview with Mr Snyder.

From the cordial & confident commendations of his acquaintanced, & from my own impressions through conversation, it seems to me, that should the department think proper to appoint an assistant to the office which I now fill, no more satisfactory nomination could be made, than that which had been suggested.

As to the desirableness of such an appointment, both to the Government & the office, it is only needful to add, that I concur fully in the

Mint of the United States.

Hon J. R. Snowden
Director &c

views which you have already
forwarded to the Department

Very Respectfully
Your Obt
Conrad Weigand

Hon. J.R. Snowden
Director &c

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office. May 17th 1855.

James Ross Snowden Esq.
Director of the United States Mint at
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

Your account for disbursements on account of the Assay Office at New York, has been adjusted at the Treasury, and a balance found due the United States of $228.36
Balance due you per your account 1.64
This difference $230.00
is thus explained:
Item No 13 of your account is for cash paid Insurance Company of North America, for which there is no Voucher 30.00
Item No 15 is for money paid Isaiah Bird, suspended for want of Bill of Particulars 200.00 $230.00

In the bill rendered by John Owen for Bar Moulds &c. there is the following entry:

"To 3 No 4 Bar Moulds $24. $24.00"
In the items immediately preceding and the one following the first price as carried out is the price of each Bar mould. If it was designed to apply the same rule in this item. the whole cost of course would be $72.00
instead of 24.00
making a difference of — $48.00

If this is an error, upon receipt of a bill with the correction, the true sum will be allowed. The present one is dated at Philadelphia, July 20. 1854.

Most Sincerely
Yours
Elisha Whittlesey
Comptroller.

May 19. 5.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge your favor of the 9th inst.

In regards the exceptions taken to certain items in my account of disbursements on account of the Assay Office at N.Y. I have to offer the following explanations, viz:

1. Item No 10. Amount ($50) paid Insurance Company of North America. The voucher for item No 10 was included for No 15 also, being the policy of insurance for three months on implements for the Assay Office, which an application was made for three months longer, and which contains (within) a receipt for the amount paid ($50) on the insurance.

2. Item No 18. Amount ($200) paid Isaiah Reid. This item was paid Mr. Reid June 26th 1854 on his account against the Assay Office at N.Y. On the 4th of November last the First Auditor in a letter to me requested to be informed of the payments, if any,

made by me to Josiah Bird on account of implements furnished the Ordnance Office. In my reply (dated 12th of Nov 1834) that Officer was informed of this payment having been made. It is probable that Mr Bird's Account was then under examination as he had before previously referred to the Department for its settlement, there having been some objection to several items of the same. I am informed (unofficially) that the account has since been adjusted, and that the Amount paid by me on the same (viz: $200) was deducted therefrom.

3. The item referred to in the Bill of John Owen is entered in the duplicate in my possession as follows:

"To 8 M Bar Mowers @ $ $24.00"

The error was in stating the price of each mower and Mr Owen therefore received the full Amount due for the items charged in his Bill.

It is hoped that these explanations will be deemed sufficient for the allowance of the Suspended items.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt Servt

Hon. Elisha Mc Kenney
Comptroller, Treasury Department

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, May 14, 1855.

Sir,

The First Comptroller of the Treasury informs me that much unnecessary trouble and delay is experienced in the settlement of the accounts of the Treasurer of your branch caused by all the abstracts being in a loose or separate form

May 17. 5.

Sir,

I present herewith a Statement exhibiting the operations of the Mint and its Branches, and also of the Assay Office at N.Y. during the 1st Quarter 1805.

I have the honor to be
with great respect,
Your faithful Servant,
Saml Ropes Snowden.
Director.

Hon. P.G. Washington,
Act. Sec. Treasury,
Washington City.

Estimate of Means for the balance of the fiscal year ending 30 June 1854

The balances to credit of Profit & Loss, the ~~estimated~~ balances to be passed to ~~that~~ the Ordinary account, the means in the ordinary fund, less the amounts probably payable anterior to Aug. 1, constitute an estimated net balance, at that date, available for Mint expenses, of — $78,000.

The estimated deductions on deposits, for 11 mos. ending 30 June, may be set down at $220,000 from which deduct the seignorage, or charge for coinage, which must be paid into the Treasury of the U.S., say $85,000, and the net amount ~~thence~~ available from deductions for remainder year is — 135,000.

The appropriations for the whole current fiscal year, which are undrawn amount to — 136,000

Total estimated available means — $349,000

(over)

The average expenses for incidentals during the first 5 mos of this calendar year were $15,000 a month. Assuming this rate to continue the expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year, under this head, will be $165,000

The salaries will amount to 22,200.

The average wages, deduced from the aggregate of the first 5 months of the year, have been $7,750. per month. Those for last month were $8,172. By a reduction of the assisting force some $472. per month is saved. Assuming no increase of force, the wages may be estimated at $7,800 a month, or for 11 mos 85,800.

Add wastage of Gold & Silver $23,000. G. $7,000 S. 30,000.

Total Estimated Expenses 303,000

The estimated means, as above, were 349,000.

The difference between which and the estimated expenses, gives an estimated excess of means, of $46,000

From which it may be inferred that an increase in our working force could be met from our available means.

It is assumed that profits of the Mint, which by the last General appropriation Bill are to be paid into the Treasury U.S., do not include deductions to pay for actual expenses incurred, deductions they not profits, but buy commensurate only to the expense, no profit is attainable. The profits applied to here constitute those on coinage of silver & copper, which will be paid into the Treasury, and are not included in the preceding estimate.

Sales 35 / 1.60

2100 / 35

Sundays 5600 / month 26

33600 / 11200

In month 14560.0 / 11

Balance of fiscal year 16.41600

Statement of Deposits and Coinage

At the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia,

During the Week ending ..... 188..

Gold Bullion Deposited.

	Value.
From California,	$
Other sources,	$
Total Gold Deposits,	$

Inventory of Property in the Assay Department of the U.S. Mint

June 30th 1854

In the weighing-room.

2	Closets.
1	Case of Shelving
6	Tables.
10	Chairs.
1	Large Coarse Balance.
1	Small do do
4	do " " for Silver
1	String Assay " (old)
1	Specific Gravity Steelyard.
1	do do Balance
3	French Assay do
4	English do "
2	Thermometers.
1	Horse Shoe Magnet.
2	Specific Gravity Bottles.
1	Platina Crucible.
1	Set Troy weights (10 lbs. down)
1	Case " " (100 ozs & Dec divis.)
2	Sets French " (Kilogs & do)
6	Cases " " (Gramme & do)
6	do " " (Half Gr ")
10	Doz Annealing Cups.
6	Sets of tools for Assay Balances.
3	Pairs Forceps.
1	oz Palladium (for small weights)
	Memoires de l'Institut Royal vol IX
	Indaciones Sobre la Ammonedacion
	Kelleys Cambist.
	Faraday's Chemical Manipulation.

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Property in the Assay Department

4 Closets.
2 Workbenches.
1 Writing-desk.
1 Table.
4 Stools & chairs
1 Step-ladder.
2 Assay furnaces.
1 Table do
2 Pairs coarse Rolls
1 do fine do
1 Small coarse Balance.
1 Copper Still & Condensing Apparatus
1 Condensing Apparatus for acid.
2 Syphons Glass
2 Hydrometers & test tubes.
1 Water-tank.
1 Stone vase
2 Humid Assay Apparatus.
2 Stakes & sets of hammering tools.
3 Pairs of Spring Furnace tongs.
4 do do Assay do.
1 Set of tools for taking off Assay Samples.
2 Doz Granulating Cups.
1 Set of Coal feeding Implements.
1 Sand Glass.
1 Clock.
1 Water Cooler
1 Copper Kettle
1 Pair Bellows.
14 Two-Gall Tinctures
5 One-Gall do.
3 Half- " "

Inventory - Continued.

10 Half Gall Parting bottles.
12 Three-Pint Precipitating Jars.
3 Glass Pitchers
6 Two Gall. Retorts.
6 Small do.
1 Doz Condensing-tubes
6 Condensing Globes
2 Doz Connecting-tubes
1 " Funnels (Assorted sizes)
2 Graduated Glasses.
9 Doz Matrasses.
1 " French Assay bottles.
11 " Humid do.
2 " Pipettes
2 Iron Mortars.
2 Porcelain do.
3 do Dishes.
2 " Bowls
1 Stone Jar (containing precipitate from H Assay)
1 Tin bucket.
3 Annealing-pans.
1 Apparatus for making cupels.
1 do do annealing cups.
6 Files.
4 Doz Chemical Tests (Reagents)

Humid Assay Room

1 Closet.
2 Tables.
5 Chairs.
1 Step-ladder.
1 Stove & fixtures.
1 Platform scale

Inventory - Continued - Humid Assay Room.

Chandels Art of Assaying.
2 Books of Humid Assay Tables.
Manual of Coins & Bullion.
Aikins Chemical Dicty.
Ures do.
Hatchets Alloys of Gold.
Bonneville on Money.
Grahams Chemistry.
Regnaults do.
Berzelius Chem. Proportions.
Lewis Commerce of Arts.
Carstons Archives of Minting.
Table of Logarithms.
Pamphlets.
2 Counterfeit Detectors (for Gold Coins)
1 Spirit level.
3 Magnifying Glapes.
6 Sets of Carat weights.

As to the cost of these articles, we have no record in our office; All the bills & accounts, are in the Treasurers Custody & we properly have no access to them. Moreover, many articles have been here so long, that it can scarcely be possible for the Treasurer, to find any thing About them; others, & those the most valuable things we have, such as Assay Scales, mahogany tables, Assay Rolls &c, were made in the Mint.

J R Eckfeldt
Assayer

Statement of Deposits and Coinage

At the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia,

During the Week ending ..... 185[illegible].

Gold Bullion Deposited.

	Value.
From California,	$ [illegible]
Other sources,	$ do. do.
Total Gold Deposits,	$ [illegible]

Silver Bullion Deposited,

Including Silver Purchases,	$ 100,000.
Total Gold and Silver Deposits,	$ 100,000.

Coinage Executed.

GOLD.

Denomination.	No. of Pieces.	Value.
Double Eagles,	[illegible]	$ [illegible]

Statement of Deposits and Coinage

At the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia,

During the Month of June 1854.

Gold Bullion Deposited.

	Value.
From California,	$ 8,940,000.
Other sources,	$ 60,000.
Total Gold Deposits,	$ 9,000,000.

Silver Bullion Deposited,

Including Silver Purchases,	$ 100,000.
Total Gold and Silver Deposits,	$ 9,100,000

Coinage Executed.

GOLD.

Denomination.	No. of Pieces.	Value.
Double Eagles,	——	$ ——
Eagles,	——	——
Half Eagles,	12,000	31,150.00
Quarter Eagles,	137,176	342,940.00
Dollars,	135446	135,446.00
Base	92	2,894,248.56
Total,	147,674 238,249	$ 517,536.00 3,431,284.56

SILVER.

Dollars,	33,140	33,140.00
Half Dollars,	116,000	58,000.00
Quarter Dollars,	868,000	217,000.00
Dimes,	470,000	47,000.00
Half Dimes,	1,480,000	74,000
Three Cent Pieces,	130,000	3,900
Total,	3,097,140	$ 433,040

COPPER.

Cents,	945,110	$ 9,451.10
Half Cents,	——	——
Total,	945,110	$ 9,451.10

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Statement of Deposits and Coinage

At the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia,

During the Month of June 1854

Gold Bullion Deposited.

	Value.
From California,	$ 3,940,000.
Other sources,	$ 60,000.
Total Gold Deposits,	$ 4,000,000.

Silver Bullion Deposited,

Including Silver Purchases,	$ 100,000.
Total Gold and Silver Deposits,	$ 4,100,000.

Coinage Executed.

GOLD.

Denomination.	No. of Pieces.	Value.
Double Eagles,	——	$ ——
Eagles,	——	——
Half Eagles,	11,010	55,150.00
Quarter Eagles,	131,176	328,940.00
Dollars,	85,446	135,446.00
Gold	417	2,891,248.56
Total,	238,049	$ 3,411,784.56

SILVER.

Dollars,	33,140	33,140.00
Half Dollars,	46,000	23,000.00
Quarter Dollars,	893,000	223,000.00
Dimes,	478,000	47,800.00
Half Dimes,	1,430,000	71,500
Three Cent Pieces,	136,000	3,400
Total,	3,097,140	$ 403,840.

COPPER.

Cents,	946,110	$ 9,461.10
Half Cents,	——	——
Total,	946,110	$ 9,461.10

RECAPITULATION.

Gold Coinage,	238,049	$ 3,411,784.56
Silver "	3,097,140	403,840
Copper, "	946,110	9,461.10
Total No. of pieces,	4,319,922	Total value, $ 3,824,285.66

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, June 30th 1854.

Director.

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, June 30th, 1861.

Sir:

I have the honor to inclose to you the usual statement of the deposits and coinage for the month ending with to-day.

I have the honor to be
with great respect,
Your faithful Servant,

James Ross Snowden,
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, June 30th 1854.

Sir:

Among the counterfeit coins which have been presented and retained at the Mint under your instructions of 8th. Decr. last, is one lately received from a Bullion-House in New York, which I must designate as of once the most curious, and the most dangerous, of all counterfeits issued. It purports to be a Mexican dollar, of 1854, and of the Mint of the city of Mexico. Two pieces assayed, give an average fineness of 776 thousandths, and consequent value of 91½ cents per ounce. But change to say, the amount of gold contained in them, is sufficient to add 12 cents, after charge for depreciation; making a net value of 103½ cents to the dollar, and if to this we add the actual premium on Silver, this notable counterfeit is worth 109 cents. The quality of the alloy proves it to be a spurious issue, and there is also an irregularity in the letters "Mexicana," which is regarded (so we learn from a returned Soldier, now employed in this Mint) as a test, for knowing them by. They were well known during our occupation of the city of Mexico, and had a sort of forced circulation. The Silver produced from the Mines of Mexico always contains gold in variable amounts, generally too little to be worked profitably. In this case it would seem that a lot of Silver, somewhat more auriferous than

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Philadelphia, March 28th 1834.

vidual, had fallen into hands capable of the double
dishonesty of cheating the public and themselves.
We have one whole piece, and the fraction of another;
and samples, it is doubtful whether they are sufficient-
ly numerous to excite the fears or hopes of specie dealers.

It is so seldom that the seriousness of business
is relieved by such incidents as these, that I have
thought it not superfluous to make this passing
notice, if only as a matter of curiosity.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful Servant,

James Rose Snowden.
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

June 1854.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, [illegible] 30th 1854

RECAPITULATION

Gold Coinage, . . . $3,[illegible]
Silver " . . . [illegible]
Copper " . . . [illegible]

Total No of pieces, [illegible] Total value $ [illegible]

Respectfully Sir, Your obedient Servant,

Franklin Peale

Treasurer of the Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, June 30th 1854.

Sir:— Inclosed I transmit a Draft for $ [illegible]
which proceeds of [illegible]
" " " [illegible]
" " " [illegible]
" " " [illegible]
" " " [illegible]
" " " [illegible]

Respectfully Sir, Your obedient Servant,

Franklin Peale

Treasurer of the Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, June 30th 1854.

Sir:— Inclosed I transmit a Draft for $ [illegible]
which proceeds of [illegible]
" " " [illegible]
" " " [illegible]
" " " [illegible]
" " " [illegible]
" " " [illegible]

Respectfully Sir, Your obedient Servant,

Franklin Peale

Treasurer of the Mint of the United States.

Copper Acc. 30 June 54.

1854

April 1 —	Balance by former Count, 31 March		$ 172.06
	Add proceeds of Invoice No 5 — $3992.27		
	" 6	4758.10	
	" 7	3417.86	
	" 8	4538.83	
	" 9	4912.27	$21,619.33
	Total receipts		$21791.39

Deduct payt of Invoice No. 5	$3749.60	
" 6 —	4422.40	
" 7 —	3174.00	
" 8 —	$224.80	
Expenses of distribution	526.52	16,097.32
Difference, or cash in hand		5,694.07

Count

48	bags of cents	$100 each	$4800.00
3	"	50 "	150.00
2	" ½C	50 "	100.00
36	bags cents @	5 "	180.00
8	" ½s @	2.50	20.00
1	" cents		3.28
1	" ½ "		1.87
Cash — bag $400		Loose 38.92	438.92
			$5694.07

Correct. Jos. Wells Cashier

Stock Treasury U States at Philadelphia

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Treasury of the United States
Comptr. Castellotello

Treasury of the Mint

Treasury U. States
at Philadelphia

Amount in hand $1,751,792.00

Correct
Castellotello
Comptroller

Gold Bars $420,148.59
236

Vault No:1) 649,290.
" No:2) 1,005,000.
Bar 8,119.50
$2082,558.09

Gold

Secretary of the Mint
Contract Bullion Custodian

Silver by Count -

Vault no:10 = $1,423,000.
" " 3)
182 bags of $1000 182,000.
210 " $30 ea 6,300.
15 " " " 450.
63 bars $100. 6,300.
Bars - in change 385.78
4 bags 736.
1,619,173.78

2,082,558.09
1,619,173.78
3,701,731.87
469.19
$3,701,201.06

January A/c.

Gold $4,165.
bars 300.
4.19
$4,469.19

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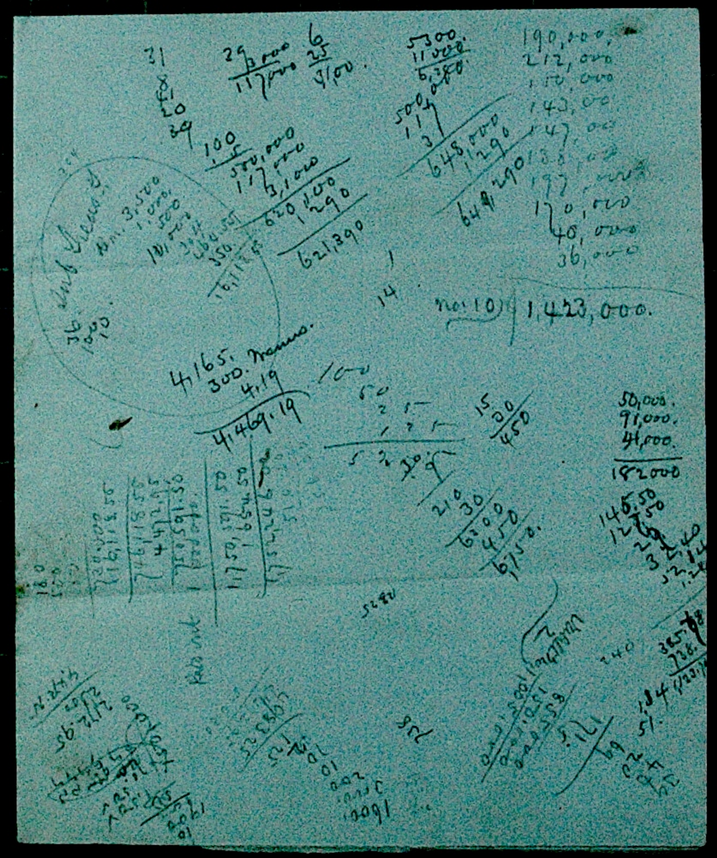

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STATE OF ACCOUNTS of Treasurer of U. S. Mint, at close of business for the day,
on June 20 185 4

BULLION ACCOUNT.

	GOLD.	SILVER.	ORDINARY FUND.	COPPER FUND.	TOTALS.
Balance per last statement,	1,914,619 93	1,884,441 00	11,080 37	—	3,812,142 13
Received this day,	685,222 29				685,222 29
Total,	2,599,842 22	1,884,441 00	11,080 37	—	4,497,364 42
Paid this day,	517,284 13	267,260 05	6,611 18		791,163 36
Balance,	2,082,558 09	1,617,180 95	4,469 19	—	3,706,201 06

685,222.29

517,031.73
252.40
517,284.13

Adds 267,110.80
150.25
267,260.05

Geo. A. Wells Co

N.J.

Whitings Point Broome Co

U.S. Mint Philadelphia

Sent

the Gold
dust deposited by Elijah Ferguson
for Mr through Adams & Co Express
office on the 17th April last I
think you to forward the net proceeds,
to me at Binghamton & the Care
of A Mayer & Co Express office at
Binghamton

Yours &c

Grames Watkins

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, June 30th, 1851

Dear Sir:

Send to the bill of Mr. A. Mason, Assistant Assayer of the Assay Office, in relation to which you will make the arrangements which I suggested in our personal interview.

Respectfully, Yours, &c;

James Ross Snowden
Director

S. K. Southworth, Esq,
Superintendt Assay Office,
New York.

Comparative Amount of Sales in Melling

	1845 Before Melling	1845 After Melling		1846 Before Melling	1846 After Melling	Sales in %	Before Melling
January							
February							
March							
April							
May							
June							
July							
August							
September							
October							
November							
December							

	1850.			1851.			18
January							
February						459	130,992.82
March						660	169,608.33
April						634	156,734.98
May						481	123,697.26
June						695	244,052.27
July						479	176,672
August						431	284,268.26
September	790.50			151		45	149,745.98
October						4	237,517.18
November		261,955.94	258,355.58			259	220,716.56
December		440,520.65	299,286.09			363	410,[illegible].42
		741,710.73	805,602.54			820	186,918.22

Gold Exports 45 to 1851.

1847		1848		1849		1850	
Value Sterling	Lbs Troy	Value Sterling	Lbs Troy	Value Sterling	Lbs Troy	Value Sterling	Lbs Troy
			2.80				2.85
			2.78				2.83
			2.80				2.85
			2.79				2.84
			2.79				2.84
			2.81				2.86
			2.81				2.86
			2.82				2.87
			2.83				2.88
			2.84				2.89
			2.84				2.89
			2.85				2.90
			2.86				2.91

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, June 24th, 1881.

Gentlemen:

I enclose as requested by you, the comparative statement of loss in melting the Gold Deposits from 1873 to the 22nd of June instant, inclusive.

You will notice that in the first five years the loss was comparatively small and this is accounted for by the fact that the deposits consisted principally of Ore. In the Months of August and September, 1880, also the loss by melting was comparatively but little, by reason of the deposits being during those months principally of bars.

I regret that I have not been able sooner to transmit this statement to you, but the labor required in rendering it accurate, was much greater than was originally supposed. The gentleman charged with its preparation have been most diligently ~~employed~~ at work, as soon as it has been completed

The bill for their services will be furnished home in a day or two, and shall be forwarded to you upon its receipt.

I am, very respectfully,
Yours, &c.,
James Ross Snowden.
Director.

Richard Smith and
A. C. Pickett, Esqrs., Commissioners, &c.

Treasury department.
Comptrollers Office
June 28 1854.

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer of the Mint
Phila

Sir

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26 inst, advising me of the reception of my letter of the 24?, and enclosing a memorandum shewing the cause of the difference of $18.00 in the adjustment of your account of Ordinary and Contingent Expenses.

Your letter with the enclosed memorandum will be referred to the first Auditor, when the Correction will be made in the next adjustment of your account.

Most Respectfully
Elisha Whittlesey.
Comptroller.

James C. Booth Esq.

Mint of the United States.
Philad.a July 17th, 1854.

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure of informing you that I am now prepared to pay your bill for Services rendered in preparing the Statement of loss by melting at the late Assay Office at the Mint. The amount of your bill at the rate of $5 per diem is $96.30 for which your order after one week will be paid.

I enclose your bill in duplicate, which you will please receipt and return to me.

I remain respectfully & truly
James Ross Snowden
Director

William S. Cooley, Esq.,
Trenton,
New Jersey.

Thiad.; June 28th. 1854.

U.S. Treasury Department

To William S. Cooley — Dr.

For Services in examining Rough Books 112 hours - 1871 @ 1/2 $93.33

Thiad.; June 28th. 1854.

U.S. Treasury Department

To William S. Cooley — Dr.

For Services in examining Rough Books 112 hours - 1871 @ 1/2 $93.33

To James C. Booth, Esqr.
Mint of Virginia
Mint, [illegible] 1854

Enclosing Warrant for Transfer to the Mint of the City for the expenditure of Gold Bullion &c.

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Mint United States:
Philada; June 29th; 1864.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your note of this date, enclosing the letter of Capt: Bowman of the U.S. Ordnance Office requesting the names of those to whom payments have been made on a/c of that office, I enclose a statement of my account therewith.

You will notice that the payment requested on a/c of Mr: Isaiah Bixby's bill, had been made to him this morning.

Very respectfully,

James Ross Snowden
Director.

Prof. A. C. Booth,
Melter & Refiner,
United States Mint.

The Director of the Mint U. States, in account with the
Dr.

1851				
March 16	To	proceeds of Treasury Warrant No. 7560		$6,602.10
" 20	"	"	"	$4000.00

Treasury Department 11th March 1814 Auditors Office

Dr.

1814					
March 11th	By payment of	Josiah Bissell's bill of impl[illegible]			9[illegible]
"	"	Chas. L. Ashling's	"		1652.10
" 21	"	Benj. Hunter's			[illegible]
May 4	"	Wm. Maxwell	Millwright		18.98
" 10	"	Gerrit Stout & Co.			1065.50
" 18	"	Abr. Miller			111.57
" 18	"	Insc. Co. N. A.			11.75
" 20	"	Russell Cheny			512.00
" 30	"	Clark & Nadeau			76.00
"	"	Insc. Co. N. Amer.			81.00
June 8	"	Wm. Eakfield			9.00
" 6	"	Jacl. A. Booth			13.25
" 10	"	Insc. Co. N.A. for reimbursem[illegible]			30.00
" 12	"	Jacl. A. Booth			11.65
" 16	"	Josiah Bissel on a/c of his bill			200.00
" "	"	Samuel & Pierre for paint &c.			24.00
		Balance as rendered			1152.95
					16,602.10

Boston June 27 1854

Treasurer Mint Phila

Dear Sir enclosed
is a certificate of Gold
Dust sent to be coined
I am somewhat
surprised at the result
I thought it
to be a very good clean
lot. if has according to the
Memorandum returned me less
than Seventeen Dollars and
I am at quite a loss from the
first cost. is there not some
Mistake in the Casting or Remarks
by ag am looking over the matter
you will confer a favour to me

very Respy Yours J S Ellis
No 16. State St
Boston

J. S. ELLIS,
Exchange Office,
SPECIE & BILL BROKER
No. 16 State Street,
BOSTON.

El Gobierno Inglés hace mucho tiempo que tiene siempre un buque de fuerza estacionado en la Costa de Negros en el Pacífico: este buque debe cubrir los puntos y Costa de manera que cada dos meses llegue uno hasta el Norte de Inglaterra. Este buque reconoce la Costa desde Panamá hasta Guayaquil permaneciendo varios días en cada puerto durante los Aguas reina la Calma es por lo que el Comercio es escaso.

En el Gobierno Americano adoptó igual sistema es indudable que una parte de estos cruceros pertenecía a los E. U. y cuando mas se Convinada la operación de modo que la Conducción se hiciese por la Vía de Panamá.

Los buques Ingleses además del Flete exigen del Comercio 3% por cada Pasajero 5% de Carga y 3% por Derechos de Consulado los que son pagados por el Consignador y Consignatario. El Flete se divide el Gobierno Inglés entre el Administrador y de Comandante del buque lo que constituye el Salario que los Cónsules les forman el otro por cuenta en hacer los despachos.

En los E. U. Ingleses de modo que

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algunos de los Comos de Vapores que vienen de Panama á S Fran.co traen en S Blas y Mazatlan pues le un Mucho frente, es decir que el Comercio tiene seguridad de que los Vapores Mexicanos; estoy seguro de que tenia Nuestro Mayor la Cantidad de Numerario que venia p.r los E U. que la que fueron á Inglaterra.

Como prueba de esto le puede ver que desde que se ha establecido la linea de Vapores entre S Juan y Veracruz todos los Vapores traen alguna Cantidad que Aunque hasta hoy no es muy considerable es seguro q.e hira en Aumento.

Filadelfia Junio 25 de 1854.

Jose M.a Cardenas Aguirre

M.r James Buss Snowden
Director de Casa de Moneda
Filadelfia

Translation

The English Gov.t has for many years continually kept a man of War Stationed on the Pacific Coast of Mexico, which vessel is relieved in January and June, and on the arrival of one the other sails for England. The object of this arrangement is to run up and down the Coast from the Port of Manzanillo to Guaymas remaining several days in each, during which they receive the Silver exported by the Merchants.

If the United States Gov.t adopted the same System a part of this treasure would undoubtedly come to the U. States, especially should it cause the transportation to be conducted via the Panama rail Road.

These English vessels besides the freight exact from the Merchants 3 dollars for each box containing 2000 $ obliging the Shipper also to pay 3$ for each Set of Bills of Lading which goes to the Purser and Commander. The Government divides the freight between the Board of Admiralty and the Commander of the Vessel thereby inducing the latter to use every effort to obtain theyl Shipments.

Should the Gov.t of the U. States order the Steamers from San Francisco to Panama to touch at San Blas and Mazatlan in a positive manner, that is to say affording the

Merchants of those Ports that they would do so without failing I am certain that the amount Shipped to the United States would exceed that sent to England: in proof of which you will have observed that since the establishment of the line of Steamers between Veracruz and N. Orleans every Steamer brings some amount of Silver, which altho not very great will constantly increase in Value.= Philadelphia June 25. 1854=

= José Mª Castaños Aguirre =

= James Ross Snowden Esq = Director of the U.S Mint =

Mr Castaños will return from Washington in a few days, when Mr. S. can gather further information on this subject Mr C has forgotten to state that the Bills of Lading above mentioned serve as Bills of Exchange after being signed by the Commander, the British Govt being responsible for their value

Felix Herino Jr.

June 27/54

Mint of the United States:
Philadelphia, June 27th. 1834

Sir:

Some days ago I had a visit from Mr. Caballos, ex President of Mexico, who was accompanied by several gentlemen, among whom was Mr. Castanos a resident of Leglio near San Blas and extensively engaged in commerce on the Pacific. In a conversation with these gentlemen I entered on the subject of furnishing the Mint with Silver bullion from the Mexican provinces on the Pacific and requested Mr. Castanos to give me his opinion on the subject in writing which he had accordingly done, a copy of which I enclose to you.

Mr. Castanos is now in Washington, having accompanied the ex President of Mexico on his visit to the Capital. If you think it of sufficient importance, you might have an interview with him on this subject.

I mentioned to Mr Morris (the son of the Mexican consul at this city who was with the gentleman on their visit to the Mint) and handed me to day Mr. Castanos' statement) that I would inform you that that gentleman was in Washington and that it was probable you might desire to see him.

If some arrangement could be made, something like that which the English government had established, it would, I presume, have a good effect on our commercial relations with that country, and tend to diminish the unfavorable of the London Market for Silver; besides supplying us with bullion which we require.

I am not prepared to make any recommendation on this

subject, but I have considered it of sufficient importance to bring to your notice.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,

James Ross Snowden
Solicitor.

Hon: James Guthrie,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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(Translation)

The English Government has for many years continually kept a man of war stationed on the Pacific Coast of Mexico, which vessel is relieved in January and June, and on the arrival of one the other sails for England. The object of this arrangement is to run up and down the Coast from the port of Manzanilla to Guaymas remaining several days in each, during which they receive the Silver exported by the Merchants.

If the United States Government adopted the same system a part of this treasure would undoubtedly come to the United States, especially should it cause the transportation to be conducted via the Panama rail road.

These English vessels, besides the freight, exact from the Merchants 3 dollars for each box containing $2000 obliging the Shipper also to pay $3. for each set of Bills of lading, which goes to the Purser and Commander. The Government divides the freight between the Board of Admiralty and the Commander of the vessel, thereby inducing the latter to use every effort to obtain these shipments.

Should the Government of the United States order the Steamers from San Francisco to Panama to touch at San Blas and Mazatlan in a positive manner that is to lay during the Merchants of those Ports that they would do so without failing, I am certain that the amount shipped to the United States would exceed that sent to England: in proof of which you will have observed that since the establishment of the line of Steamers between Panama and N. Orleans, every Steamer brings some amount of Silver; which altho' not very great will constantly increase in

value. - Philadelphia, June 25th. 1814 -

Copied / John McCastanos Aguirre -

James Ross Snowden, Esq: - Director
of the U.S. Mint. -
Philadelphia.

Mr. Castanos will return from Washington in a few days, when Mr. S can gather further information on this subject. Mr C. has forgotten to state that the Bills of Lading above mentioned were as Bills of Exchange after being signed by the Commander; the British government being responsible for their value.

Copied / John Morris Jr

June 27th/ 814.

Assay Office, Mint
June 27th 1854.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your note of May 25th, asking for a schedule of the property of the United States, as contained in the Cabinet collection of Coins, ores, medals &c in the Mint, which collection was chiefly purchased and arranged by my agency, (not as a part of my official duty, but by voluntary offer,) I have the following statement to make, showing the condition of said Cabinet at this date.

		Pieces.
Specimen Coins:	Gold,	676
	Silver,	2287
	Billon (less than half silver) —	349
	Copper, Brass, Bronze &c including a few small medals	915
	Total,	4227

Of these, 3900 are now arranged in glass cases for exhibition, and 327 are in boxes, having been accumulating for some time, and are ready to be set up in cases. — There are six African gold rings and ornaments, of considerable value, not in the above count.

There are also, in one box, 47 20/100 ounces of duplicate silver coins; and in another box, a considerable number of copper duplicates; to be exchanged for other coins, or for their value.

There is also a petty-cash ~~cmon~~ balance of $ 57.07; to be used for buying small offers.

The whole cost of the above, as per bills rendered by me, from 1839 to 1854, was $ 5217.20. A few of the pieces were presented to the Cabinet.

Cabinet of Ores: There are about sixty specimens or lots, most of which, (possessing an indefinite value) were presents; the others cost 1538 dollars, their estimated intrinsic value.

Cabinet of National Medals:

Presidential Medals, various sizes,	27
Army & Navy do. mostly large,	87
	114

These were placed in the Cabinet by the present Chief Coiner, and were not charged for.

There are painted Portraits of Rittenhouse, Boudinot, R. Patterson, Moore, and R.M. Patterson, former Directors of the Mints, and Eckfeldt, former Chief Coiner; all of which were presented to the Cabinet; the frames also, except the first two mentioned.

There are five sketches of mining operations in California, which I believe were procured at a trifling cost, in the Directorship of Dr. Eckert.

There is a pane, in a glass case, showing about one hundred Progressive alloys of gold, from 500 to 1000 fine; this was prepared in the Assay department with a good deal of labour, but at no other cost than the intrinsic value of the gold, which is inconsiderable.

The Collection of ancient Roman, Etruscan, Egyptian and Peruvian vases and pottery, is the property of Jacob S. Morris Esq. of Philadelphia; it is exhibited here through his liberality, but is subject to his order.

A printed Catalogue and description of the ancient Greek and Roman coins was prepared by myself, in 1846, without charge. It has since been republished in New York.

The Collection of Coins, although not very large, represents every nation, and almost every point of time, since the art of coinage commenced. Most of the specimens are the finest of their kind, and

very many of them which were culled from deposits, and from other sources, at bullion value, would command a considerable advance at an auction sale.

I would conclude by remarking, that the Cabinet of Coins and Ores, being a part of the furniture or ornament of the Mint, and purchased under special annual appropriations, is not under the responsible charge of any officer. It is shown to visitors, under the care of a conductor, and is frequently referred to, for information. I cannot perceive that a single piece has been abstracted, since the collection was founded, about sixteen years ago.

The summary of cost, agreeably to what has already been stated, stands thus: for coins $5217.20, and for ores $1538.00, total $6755.20. This is liable to abatement, on account of the cash fund of $57.07, the duplicate silver coins (47 20/100 ounces) and the duplicate copper coins, for sale or exchange.

Very respectfully
Wm E. Sutton
Asst Assayer
in charge

Col. J.R. Snowden
Director, &c

Mint of the United States:
Philada, June 27th, 1864.

Sir:

On the receipt of your circular of 23rd. ultimo, I requested the Officers of the several departments in the Mint to prepare an account in accordance with your instructions. At the request of these Officers I have now the honor to suggest that the continual wear and tear of machinery, apparatus and implements and their replacement from time to time under the preparation of such an account impracticable. I am there to dependent their views upon this subject from the consideration that the statement in question may have been intended to apply to such branches of the Treasury department where manufacturing is not carried on.

I may add if a general statement of the value of the property of the government at the Mint would meet your views, it can be readily furnished.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant,

James Ross Snowden
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Mint of the United States:
Philada., June 26th., 1804.

Sir:

I enclose the bond of Mr. S.S. Crabtree, the Weigh
clerk at this Mint for your approval.

I have certified the bond to be to my satisfaction.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your [illegible] Servant:

James Ross Snowden
Director.

Hon. James Sullivan
Comr. Treasy. U.S.
Washington City.

Treasury of the United States,
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Sir:
Contract you will receive .....
payable to your order. Please date and sign duplicate
to this office by the first mail and return the duplicate
without delay.
.....
Treasury Dept.
the accompanying receipt and return
the draft to be presented for payment
Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
S. CASEY,
Treasurer of the United States.

Treasury of the United States,

June 24th 1854.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive ..... Treasury Draft payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the drafts to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

S. CASEY,

Treasurer of the United States.

J. R. Browder Esq.

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury Draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it, should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of the substitution, except in the case of President and Cashier of a bank, or other Institution.

From B. Casey, Disg'r,
Treasurer U.S.
Dated June 24th.

Recd. June 26th, 1854.

Enclosing Draft No. 8075, upon Treas.
Warrant No. 8013 for $12.00.

NOTE. This letter was answered by filling up the printed receipt attached to the letter.

Washington, Apr. 25/54

Mr Snowden—

It has struck me, now that I see a useless proposition to make a Two Cent Coin, to suggest something to you.

Do you not think it the duty of Congress to call in, or drive out of circulation all the rct worn out, obsolete Coin that we are surrounded with, such as the thin Spanish Quarters of 1760 or thereabouts, as also the Pistareens or 15 ct. pieces the worn out Levies or 12½ ct. Coins and the 6 pence or 8⅓ pieces as well as the 6¼ Cent. or 5 penny bits.

In short, would it not be well to call in all the Spanish Quarters previous to 1800?

Suppose you warmly recommend this to

Mr Burchard, Senator from your State, who has some Bill now before the Senate on the coinage. If you suggest to him to add such a section to his Bill, making it penal to pay or receive these old coins after a given date, say Jan. 1. 1855; and tell him to give authority to all the Collectors of the Customs, the U. S. Marshals & the Postmasters to receive the defaced coin & exchange our own dimes & quarters for it. and place a small appropriation in the Bills of $5.000 or $10.000, to pay the difference in the intrinsic value of the silver. I think he would do so, as it will thus most decidedly reduce the multitude of wafers

of the People a great favor.

I will prove to you the propriety of this. I never saw the new 3 cent pieces get into circulation until there was a 3 cent rate of Postage, showing that until Congress created a necessity to circulate these coins, they did not get into general use.

I would respectfully suggest that the Coining of a mixed Two cent piece silver coin is, I believe, totally unnecessary. Two copper cents can easily be used until a third be required, and then we have the present 3 ct. coin. If a 2 cent coin were necessary, I think it would be far preferable to have a large copper coin of 2 cents than to

make a diminutive one of that denomination and slightly mix it with silver.

Again, is not the copper coinage as numerous as it really should be at present?

I trust you will approve my suggestion as to the driving out of the old silver, it is a great nuisance.

I do not design troubling you with an answer to this.

Very respectfully

F. B. Preston

United States Mint

New York April 29. 1854

Dear Sir

I have just received your obliging letter of yesterday's date. I would like to have Professor Booth come over to this city on Monday morning to assist me in determining the openings in the floors for Pickering's feet. This will not require but a day, or even a few hours. We might leave in the G.A.M. train and return at 5 P.M. if necessary. — After we get a little more advanced, say in ten days, I would again like his advice about the furnaces &c, which will require his presence for a week or more.

Respectfully Yours
Geo. W. Eckhert
Capt. U.S. Engrs

Col. J. R. Snowden
Director of the Mint

places for receiving, melting, assaying & storing

United States Mint
Melter & Refiner's Office

Phila^{a} 27 April 1854

Dear Sirs,

In compliance with your request concurred in & transmitted to me through the Director, I offer you my views relative to the internal arrangement of the N.Y. Assay Office.

In connection with Capt. Bowman and subsequently with Capt. Cullum, I planned the internal arrangement with a view to the easiest & convenient performance of the operations to be conducted in it. For this reason the 3^{d} & 4th stories were respectively made 15 & 12 feet in height. If the lower story is to be vacated, it will necessarily throw the works of 15 feet into the 12 ft story, which will require a change in apparatus now made for the former in order to adapt it to the latter. It will moreover presents a very difficult point to adapt the 12 ft. story to the operations which must be conducted in it, in case of the proposed change.

The best arrangement for the building of the Assay Office, appears to me to be, to devote the lower principal story to the Assay Dept. embracing places for receiving, melting, assaying & storing

depositors as the most convenient for depositors, & for all the operations of the Assay Dept. The melting operations of the Melting & Refining Dept. should conveniently approximate to the Assay Dept. or be placed in the 2nd story. The Refining operations should then commence in the 4th story & the refined metal & its associate solutions suffered to flow into the 3d story where the refining is completed. The metals are then melted in the 2nd story & are delivered to the Treasurer after Assaying & storage in the 1st story, from which they are conveniently transfered for payments. Any other arrangement appears to me inconvenient & especially in relation to the 3d & 4th stories, very objectionable.

In planning the internal arrangements of the building, I felt myself much hampered by the confined space in the Melting & Refining Dept. for the magnitudes of the proposed operations of the office. I was pleased to learn that another story was to be added to the building, hoping it now afford more ample accommodations to the Melter & Refiner.

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Silver Bullion in hands
of Melter & Treas' 81st March @ 819,604.64
Add 81st Wt @ N. Orleans Silver 526,449.31
" Deposits 1st April to 28th May 3,362.53
" Parties furnished " " 81,055.71
" Purchases " " 134,154.68
1,814,686.86
Less 81st Wt @ 1,240,000, Silver in Treas' 992,000 "
In course of transportation @ 822,686.86 = 657,349,488.69

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More ample accommodations to the Melter & Refiner.

papers which have
accumulated on the
Director's desk & now
filed

Capt Bullion
to Director requesting
Boyd Book to come to N Orleans

Boyd Book on the
arrangement of the
Assay Office,
with papers

Jan 31. 1854

We the Undersigned Citizens of the City of Philadelphia having been for a Number of Years acquainted with John Mayer would respectfully recommend him to Your Consideration as he is an Applicant for an Office in the U.S. Mint. He served during the Mexican War in Company E. commanded by Captain P.M. Binder in the 71st Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, and also a Number of Years in the U.S. Marine Service with Credit to himself.

Philadelphia March 27/54. Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. W. Binder.
late Capt. of Co. E. 71st Reg. P.V.
John L. Carpenter
Geo. M. Young
I.Z. Ballinn

KAISER
RS 1

Dr J. Torrey }
Mr E. N. Kent }

Very respectfully yours
Jab Booth

Mint of the United States:
Philadelphia, June 21st, 1854.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of 20th. inst. enclosing your check for $100. on Messrs. Atwood, Dunlevy & Co., N. York, has been received.

The draft has been handed to Adams & Co. for collection, and they will account to you for the proceeds in the coins you have specified.

Very respectfully,

James Ross Snowden
Director.

Messrs. W. J. Hedges & Co.,
Bankers,
Tiffin, Ohio

SLOW AND DOUBTFUL PAPER AND LOSSES ON LOANS

List here all paper, including overdue paper, called for by this schedule. State briefly in each case the reason for the classification, and such further comment as may be deemed appropriate. Give maturity dates of "bad debts" and other overdue paper subject to classification.

Maker, indorser, and security	Amount	Due date	Overdue		
			Class "A"	Class "B"	Class "C"
			Slow	Doubtful	Bad

Examiner should advise branch interest on demand or time loans should be collected at least every six months; and that mere payment of interest is not considered a renewal of the formal extension agreement is signed by all parties or the laws of the State provide otherwise. A new note, if practicable, at each maturity date is preferable.

* Include in "bad debts" only those bonds which have reached actual maturity dates, and otherwise come within the definition of a statutory bad debt.

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	Due date	Class "A"	Class "B"			
TOTAL,						

Use Form 1425-R for continuation of list.

Note on the proper Diameter
for a Copper Cent of 100 grains.

The present cent measures $\frac{22}{20}$ of an inch (or $1\frac{2}{20}$ths;) the half cent, $\frac{18}{20}$ths.
It is proposed therefore to adopt the exact medium, which is just one inch; for the following reasons:

1. It is a neat & suitable size, as will appear from the card-sample herewith.

2. If kept down to the diameter of the half cent, or only enlarged in the proportion of weight (84 to 100) the size will make it objectionable to a great many people, who have been accustomed to look upon it as a half cent.

N.B. In preparing dies to strike a sample, there are several dies in the mint, which might be put in the lathe to reduce for that purpose – either the flying-eagle dollar, or Mr Kneass's peculiar Head of Liberty, half dollar of 1838.

D.

	Old weight		Present weight		Proposed weight	
		oz				oz ÷ 1000
Half dollar	206.250 Grains	0.4296875	192 Gr. =	0.40	180 Grains =	0.375 = 0.7500
Quarter dollar	103.125 "	0.21484375	96 " =	0.20	90 "	0.1875
Dime	41.250 "	0.0859375	38.4 " =	0.08	36 "	0.075
Half dime	20.625 "	0.04296875	19.2 " =	0.04	18 "	0.0375
3 Ct piece	(Austrian Standard quality)	(.900)	11.52 " =	0.024	10.8 "	0.0225

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Half dollar	206.250 Grains 0.4296875	192 Gs = 0Z 0.40	180 Grains = 0Z 0.375	= 0.7504
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Dime	41.250 " 0.0859375	38.4 " 0.08	36 " 0.075	
Half dime	20.625 " 0.0429687375	19.2 " 0.04	18 " 0.0375	
3 Ct piece	(another standard quality)	(.900) 11.52 " 0.024	10.8 " 0.0225	

Coins without "heads or tails"

from

Russia

Austria

Germany

Switzerland

Belgium

Holland

Papal States

Canada

Nova Scotia

East Indies

Portuguese Africa.

Mint of the United States:
Philadelphia, June 24th; 1834.

Sir:

It appears from the news received by the "Canada" that dollar-Silver is quoted at London at 61½ per ounce, say 124 cents, which is an advance of ½ of a penny since the previous advices. The average fineness of such dollars may be stated at 896 thousandths and is equivalent to 115 cents per ounce of our standard of 900 thousandths.

Bar Silver, which is 965 thousandths fine, is quoted at the same rate, whence it is evident that the price of dollars has advanced in consequence of the demand for them for the east India trade. Although this disparity may be of temporary duration, yet the general advance in the price of silver renders it necessary for us to modify our purchasing rates. I therefore enclose a new tariff of prices which I hope will receive your sanction. It proposes that we should pay at the rate of 122 3/10 cents per ounce of standard fineness. At this rate there will be a gain of 2 7/10 per cent when alloyed in our coin. From which deduct the expenses of coinage and distribution and the loss in Wastage, 1% as estimated in my letter of the 22nd. inst: and there will be an estimated profit to the government of 7/10 of one per cent, equal to $7,000. per million. Believing that the profits to the government in the coinage of Silver is of secondary importance, I have proposed as high a price as will enable the coinage to be performed without loss and producing a marginal profit to cover any under estimate of expenses.

I propose also to confine the increased price to the Philadelphia

Mint at the United States

Mint for the present, because it is here where we most need the coinage; and it seems to contravene the laws of trade to have the same species at distant points. At New Orleans they have a demand for the supply of silver bullion, and at San Francisco a large coinage of that metal does not seem necessary, and might be beyond their power to execute. It may add also that the increased price might produce the offering of more silver at New Orleans than would be coined there and thus render it necessary for the government to be at the expense of its transportation here, which could not be done without loss in view of the small profit on the operation, the price being predicated upon the supposition that the coinage will be executed at the place where the purchase is made.

I have the honor to be
With great respect,
Your faithful servant

James Ross Snowden
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City,
DC

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, June 21th, 1884.

The Director of the Mint gives notice, that from and after the 1st of July, 1884, the price to be paid for Silver purchased at the Mint will be one dollar twenty five and a half cents ($1.25½) per ounce of Standard fineness (nine-tenths) as determined by Assay at the Mint.

The Silver tendered for sale will be received and weighed, and a receipt given therefor. On the report of the Assayer the standard weight will be determined, and the net value, calculated at the above rate, will thereupon be paid to the owner or his order, in gold or Silver coins at his option.

For the information of Bullion dealers it may be stated, that, according to the above rate of purchase, the yield per ounce gross of the various classes of Silver coin usually on the market, will be about as follows:

Two pieces, whole dollars (except hammered), and U.S. coins issued since 1837, and prior to April, 1853 — $1.23⅛

U.S. Coins of mixed dates, and the Spanish and Mexican parts of a dollar, excluding pre-1853 pieces — 120

German Crowns — 119

German Thalers — 102

The prices fixed by a former circular of Dec. 21, 1883, will be continued at the Branch Mints until further notice.

James Ross Snowden
Director.

Mint of the United States.
Philad.a June 24, 1854.

Gentlemen:

I am disappointed in not being able to send you the statement you desired of the weight before and after melting of the gold bullion received from 1845 to the present time, the clerks engaged upon it not having yet completed their labors.

I hope to be able to send it to you by Monday or Tuesday next.

I am, with great respect,
Your obt Servant.
James Ross Snowden
Director.

Richard Smith Esq.r &
Col. J. C. Pickett
Committee &c
Washington City.

U.S. Apraz Office
June 23d 1854

Dear Sir

I rec'd yours of the
22nd inst today and will
comply with your request on
Monday next; I had intended
to be in Phila on Wednesday
last but a thousand things
prevented my departure.

With great respect
Your friend
Sam F. Buttenworth

Hon'd
Jn'o Rose Snowden
Director
Phila

Forwarded

Office of ~~Wm~~ Kelley & Co

New York June 23 1854

To Treas. U.S. Mint

Phila Pa

Herewith we send

You three items of deposits sent to the mint by us on which there has been more slip loss for which we think we are entitled to make a Claim agt the Mint as we certainly think we should have made Considerable profit instead of any loss - as the gold dust was [illegible] with much care

1854			cost washing	
Feb 7	gold dust	"	rec'd 4041.72	4.35
			cost 5721.29	
March	"	"	rec'd 5720.47	.82
			cost 1184.75	
May 16	"	"	rec'd 1113.37	71.38

Yr Resp Obt [illegible] $76.55

Kelley Forwarding Co

U.S. Assay Office,
New York, June 24th 1854

Sir,

Mr Isaiah Bird has applied to me for a payment to him of ($200) two hundred dollars on account of his bill for Vats & Filters amounting to $1477, of which he informs me he has already received from you $950. As all the articles are here, I will thank you to make this additional payment of $200 to him.

Be pleased to furnish me, at your convenience, a statement of the various persons to whom you have made payments for account of this office, the amounts paid to each and for what articles.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
A. A. Burnap
Sup't Archt. &c.

Prof. James C. Booth,
Melter & Refiner,
U.S. Mint.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, June 24th, 1854.

The Director of the Mint gives notice that from and after the 1st of July, 1854, the price to be paid for **SILVER** purchased at the Mint, will be one dollar twenty-two and a half cents, ($1 22½) per ounce of standard fineness, (nine-tenths) as determined by Assay at the Mint.

The Silver tendered for sale will be received and weighed and a receipt given therefor. On the report of the Assayer the standard weight will be determined, and the net value, calculated at the above rate, will thereupon be paid to the owner or his order in Gold or Silver Coin at his option.

For the information of Bullion Dealers it may be stated, that according to the above rate of purchase, the gold per ounce gross of the various classes of Silver Coin usually in the market, will be about as follows:

Five Francs, (Napoleon,) (average,)	81 22½
1853, except three rare pieces,	81 22½
United States Coins of recent dates, and the Spanish and Mexican parts of a Dollar, excluding pistareens,	1 22
German Crowns,	1 19

Phila 25 June 1854

Dear Sir

The annexed letter of Capt. A.H. Bowman to me calls for information from this Mint in relation to the N.Y. Assay Office. You will find by the accts. that we have paid Mr. Isaiah Bird $950. & Capt. Bowman informs me that all the articles are rec'd. There can therefore be no objection to paying Mr. Bird the $200 he asks for on acct. of his bill, which will be $1477.

Very respectfully
Ja.C. Booth
Md.R. U.S. Mint

J.R. Snowden, Esq
Director
U.S. Mint

Mint of the United States,

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United States Coins of mixed dates, and the Spanish and Mexican parts of a Dollar, excluding pistareens,	1 22
	1 10

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, June 24th, 1854.

The Director of the Mint gives notice that from and after the 1st of July, 1854, the price to be paid for **SILVER** purchased at the Mint, will be one dollar twenty-two and a half cents, ($1 22½) per ounce of standard fineness, (nine-tenths) as determined by Assay at the Mint.

The Silver tendered for sale will be received and weighed and a receipt given therefor. On the report of the Assayer the standard weight will be determined, and the net value, calculated at the above rate, will thereupon be paid to the owner or his order in Gold or Silver Coins at his option.

For the information of Bullion Dealers it may be stated, that according to the above rate of purchase, the yield per ounce gross of the various classes of Silver Coin usually in the market, will be about as follows:

Five Francs, whole Dollars (except "hammered,") and U. S. Coins issued since 1837, and prior to April, 1853, except three cent pieces,	$1 22½
United States Coins of mixed dates, and the Spanish and Mexican parts of a Dollar, excluding pistareens,	1 22
German Crowns,	1 19
German Thalers,	1 02

The prices fixed by a former circular of December 21, 1853, will be continued as to the Branch Mints until further notice.

JAMES ROSS SNOWDEN,

Director.

New York June 22d

Sir

In reply to your favor of the 17th, I do not exactly understand what you mean. You ask me at what price I will undertake to ship the best quality of Lehigh Coal, Do you mean to deliver in San Francisco if so I would say that I would agree to ship such coal from here in quantities to suit there which would be about 80 ton pr Month, and they to take it as it arrives at $30. Thirty Dolls pr ton) The price of this now is $40.- (Forty) as you will see by the price current received per last

Steamer. Dr. Birdall in a conversation with me said that some arrangement must be made to guarantee a constant supply, and I had been under the impression that he had written you all about this, and had also written to you about making some arrangement with me. If you think it advisable I will come on to Phil and see you in regard to this matter

Yours Truly

Geo. C. Colburn
Care Butterfield & Bro

Col Snowden
U S Mint
Phil

Taunton June 22. 1837.

Dan'l Stevens Esq.

Treas: U.S. Mint.

Sir.

We have received
Your statement from office 20th inst.
Enclosing check for $820.30 - Cents
in Settlement of our invoice of 19th May last
($4.224.).

Yours.

Very Respectfully.

Crocker Brothers & Co

Mint of the United States
Philad.a June 22. 1854.

Dear Sir,

I expected by this time to have had the pleasure of seeing you at the Mint as stated in your favor last week. There are some points connected with the Assay office which it is important we should determine, and a personal interview will be advantageous. If convenient to you can make it convenient to do so, I will be glad to see you.

I am very Respectfully

S. R. S.

Sam.l. J. Burtlemorth Esq
Supt. Assay office
New York

Mint of the United States.
Philada. June 23. 1854.

Dear Sir,

I send you a few Copies of my last annual report of the operations of the Mint, to which is added my report on the fineness and value of certain foreign gold and Silver Coins.

The subject of a further reduction of our Silver Coin, in view of the advance in the price of Silver at London, is now under Consideration. You will see at page 7 that I have anticipated that a further change from what was authorized by the act of March 3. 1853 may become necessary. Our Standard of Silver Coin (above the dollar) is at the rate of 125 cents per oz. by the last arrivals from Europe I notice that dollar-Silver is selling at London at 61½ pence per oz which is about equal to 124.719 cts. per oz. A small additional advance would therefore induce the exportation of our new Silver Coin and render it necessary for us to diminish our Standards weight and do all the work over again that we have been working day and

might to accomplish. If that fact becomes important to inquire whether the price of silver is such as will require a change in our state of currency and if so, how great a change? Perhaps by the time that letter reaches Paris the price of silver may have receded, if so, we need be in no hurry to make the change. But as one cannot entirely rely upon newspaper paragraphs on a subject of so much importance I am induced to ask the great favor of your looking into this matter, and will be happy to receive any information you may be pleased to communicate.

I notice that an imperfect copy of my report was published by the "London Economist" and the "London circular to Bankers" - May I also ask the favor of your sending a copy of my report to each of those papers?

I have the honor to be,
With great respect
Your friend & obt. servant,

Hon. James Buchanan
Legation of the United States
London
England.

James Roy Snowden
Director

Phila: June 23. 1854.

Daniel Stingen Esq

Dear Sir

Joseph B. Carillo claims under his certificate of deposit in the United States Mint, under date 17. June 1854. No: 1793, the net value of forty dollars 74/100 ounces of Gold Bullion.

We: Carillo calls and to make a formal demand upon his certificate.

I am very. yr:
Jo: Carlisle & C.

1637.55

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
Register's Office
Blair & Rives
Washington City

Sir

The Ordinary and Contingent Account, for the quarter ending the 30th June 1832, has been adjusted at this Office, and the Treasury and a balance of $23,274.65 cts found due to the United States, which

Mint of the United States:
Philadelphia, June 22nd. 1831.

Sir:

In reply to that part of your favor of the 19th inst. in which you wish me to state what price can be afforded for Silver to cover the costs of coinage, supposing it to be coined at the place where it is delivered, I have the honor to state, that the price of 124 cents per ounce there would be a gain in the coinage of 2/10 of one per cent. Our estimate of the expense of coinage is 8/10 of one per cent; and the wastage upon the operations may depart at 2/10. Without taking into consideration the costs of distribution the gain would thus be absorbed by the coinage expenses, including wastage. 124 cents per ounce may thus be stated as the highest price, if the bullion is delivered and paid out at the place where it is coined.

If we paid 128 cents per ounce, there would be a gain of 1% per cent, taking the expenses as above of the cost of coinage and wastage namely 1% and add the expense of distribution which had heretofore been 2/10 ths. the gain would also be absorbed.

At 128 cents there would be a net gain of 1/2 of one per cent. At 122½ cents there would be a net gain of nearly one per cent. At 120 cents there would be a net gain of 1 1/10 per cent.

Since I wrote to you on the 17th. inst: I have been informed that at London the English standard silver was selling at the same price that was given for dollar Silver; although 37 thousandths finer than the latter; from which it would appear that the price of Silver dollars had risen above the price of silver bullion, perhaps owing to some special demand. I am informed that our old

Half dollars are selling at New York for transportation to London at 1¼ per cent premium, which will be equal to about 122 cents per ounce. This is somewhat corroborative of the supposition that the great advance of dollar silver was owing to some peculiar and perhaps temporary cause, and of also rebutting the necessity of some advance upon the present price, we pay namely 121 cents per ounce.

The news by the "Canada" which arrived yesterday at Halifax will probably, when received, give us some information upon this point. If so, I will immediately write to you on the subject.

As a matter connected with this subject and somewhat connected in itself, I may state that we have recently received $6,000. in Spanish pieces from a house in New York for exchange into dollars: these are probably intended for the east Indies and Japan & to markets. The demand for silver in those markets may further tend to elevate its price.

I am of opinion that we could at present bring in a considerable supply of silver by advancing our price to 122½ cents per ounce; even 122 cents would at present prevent the exportation of our old half dollars and bring them to the Mint, together with other silver bullion.

If upon further reflection and on examination of the state of [illegible] change in our tariff appears necessary, I will present a modification of the same for your approval.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful servant,

James Ross Snowden.
Director.

Hon: Samuel Guthrie,
Sec'y of Treasury, Washington City.

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office,
June 22 1854

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

Your account of the Ordinary and Contingent Expenses of the Mint, for the quarter ending the 31 of March 1854. has been adjusted at the Treasury and a balance of $23.270.$^{25}/_{100}$ found to be due from you to the United States, instead of $23.251.45 as stated in your account, making a difference of $18.$^{20}/_{100}$ which arises by an Error in Calculation of Voucher No 24 Item No 2. Powers & Weightmans, bill of Acids, for $18.$^{20}/_{100}$, with which you are charged in this settlement.

Most Respectfully,
Elisha Whittlesey
Comptroller.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, June 22nd:, 1864

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of yesterday upon a subject in relation to which I have written to you today in reply to your letter of the 19th: inst:

I sincerely concur in the propriety of postponing for the present any action by Congress in changing the law relating to the Silver coinage; confining our attention to a modification of the tariff of prices of Silver within the present legal standard, making further inquiries as to the necessity of changing that standard, and awaiting events which may affect it. At the next session of Congress we will be better prepared to make suggestions. In the meantime, I think we can advance our purchasing prices of Silver and be enabled thereby to supply ourselves with bullion for coinage. As soon as I learn the prices which ruled when the "Canada" sailed from England, I will write to you and probably submit a modification of our prices for your consideration and approval.

I had anticipated your views in regard to the propriety of our striking our Silver coins below the denomination of the half dollar; we have coined no half dollars since the 7th: inst:

I have the honor to be, with great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden,
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec'y Treas'y, Washington City.

U. S. Mint
Philada
June 19th 1854

J. R. Snowden Esq
Director
Dr Sir

For the further
security of the money deposited
in Vault No 10 I think it
absolutely necessary that there
should be an Iron door and
other securities that may be
deemed necessary & proper

Yours Truly
Henry Disston
Treasurer

P. O. Jeans 19. 1854.

Dear Sir

Some days since, inadvertently paid to Adams Express $ 225 for the transportation of $150.00 in Silver Change from Phila.a to Washington. This Change should have been paid at the Mint. Will you be pleased to make some arrangement with Adams & Co. that it may be reimbursed. I am very Resp.y Your Obed.t Servant

Wm. B. Lear Chief Clerk

U.S. Assay Office,
New York, June 20. 1854.

My dear Sir,

Having received from the Treasurer of the Mint a portion of my salary for the present quarter, I propose to return the amount to him as soon as I receive the enclosed draft from the Secretary of the Treasury in payment of my salary.

I enclose a bill for your approval, which I will thank you to forward to the Secretary, if it meets your views.

The Superintendent wrote yesterday to have the books forwarded to this Office, they are in the vault in the front office. The work here is progressing very rapidly; it has been de-

termined to letter the proposed
height of the chimney, 15 feet,
this will serve to expedite
its completion.
Mr. Andrew Mann is here.
I am
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Geo. N. Eddleman.

THE FIRM CONSISTS OF
JOSIAH HEDGES,
A. F. BALDWIN,
W. H. G. BOSS,
W. C. HEDGES,
W. C. HEDGES, & CO.

BANKERS.

NO. 3 COMMERCIAL ROW.

Tiffin Ohio. June 26th 1854.

Saml Ross Snowden Esq
Director U. S. Mint
Sir

Enclosed we hand
Our ck on 235 Atwood Dunlevy & Co Zanesville for $100.00
For which please send us
Ex Express, 1/2 dime, dime & 1/4 dollars—

Yours Truly
W. C. Hedges & Co

Rec'd June 27th, 1854, of S. Ross Snowden, Director of the Mint, the above specified check of W.C. Hedges & Co. on Atwood, Dunlevy & Co. for $100 00/100, which we agree to account for to Hedges & Co. in 1/2 dimes, dimes & 1/4 dollars.

E. B. Dunbar for
Adams & Co

Treasury Department
June 21. 1854.

Sir

The Commercial Editor of the Journal of Commerce states that the account of the Deposits and Coinage at the Mint at the close of each Month is regarded with especial interest by the business Men of N. York — and asks that he may be furnished with those Statements.

I will thank you to cause them to be furnished as heretofore — including the one for Maryland.

I am very Resp.
Jas Guthrie
Sec Treasury.

J. Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Phila.

P.S. Your Lr. of yesterday has been received — Mr. Ederington of Ohio will be presented on due time —

KAISER

Treasury Department

June 21 1852

Sir

I sent a copy of your letter upon the subject of the Silver Coinage, to the Finance Committee of the Senate, and have had a conversation upon the subject with Mr Hunter. He thinks it will not be possible to have any action this session of Congress, and in the meantime attention should be given to the prices of Silver comprised within the Markets of the world, and any additional information laid before Congress at its next session, and with that I concur, but it seems to me that we have ~~already~~ ~~~~ of the Silver bonded in the Banks, and therefore it~~, and that our Mint ~~facilities~~ made sufficient to indemnify ~~foreign~~ importations to this country.

In reference to a further appreciation of Silver in the Markets of the world, compared with Gold, I think in the future operations of the Mint in Silver Coinage, that nothing above the 25 cent should be coined, the wear of small Silver coin will be equal

to any appreciation that would be likely to occur
for years, and that policy requiring we should coin
only the smallest silver coin.

I am Very respectfully

James Ruthven

Director of the Mint

Chas. Moore Esq.

Washington City
19th June 1854

Sir

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your obliging note of 16th instant, and shall avail myself of your kindness by forwarding this evening to your address - for Adams & Co's Express - the sum of Copper referred to.

I am Sir, very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Thos. P. Tuttle Capt

To James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Mint of the United States.
Phila. June 22. 1854

Sir,

Messrs Adams & Co. delivered at the Mint the bars of Copper which you sent to us. I name the pleasure of enclosing the assayers report. The Copper will be returned to you by Messrs A. & Co.

I am very Respectfully
Sam. Hoppe Mandeira
Director.

Hon. C. P. Wolf Esq
Secretary &c.

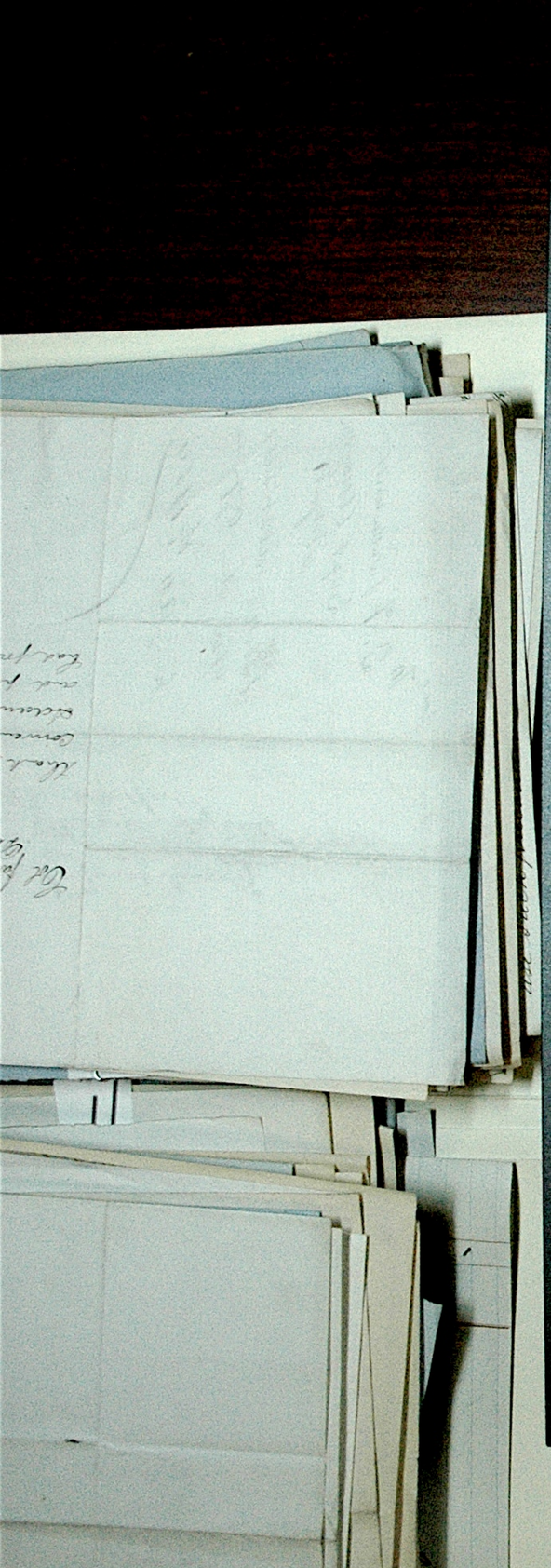
Washington City.

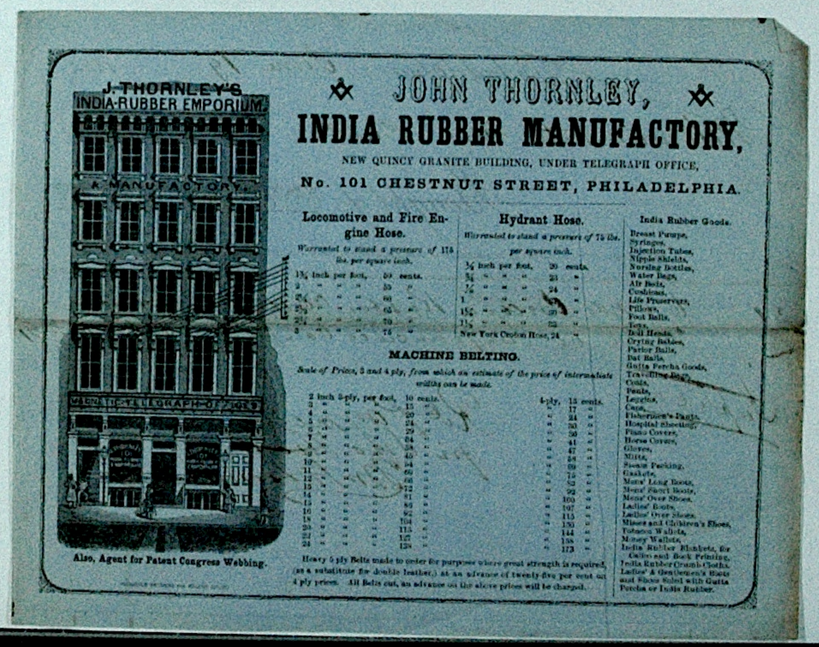
Assay Office, U.S. Mint
June 22. 1854

To the Director of the Mint.

The Specimen of copper handed to me by you, to be assayed for silver, is found to contain one-thousandth part of silver.

Very respectfully yours
J. R. Eckfeldt
Assayer.




J. THORNLEY'S
INDIA-RUBBER EMPORIUM
MANUFACTORY
GENERAL TELEGRAPH OFFICE
JOHN THORNLEY,
INDIA RUBBER MANUFACTORY,
NEW QUINCY GRANITE BUILDING, UNDER TELEGRAPH OFFICE,
No. 101 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA.
Locomotive and Fire Engine Hose.
Warranted to stand a pressure of 175 lbs. per square inch.
1¾ inch per foot, 50 cents.
2 " " " 55 "
2¼ " " " 60 "
2½ " " " 65 "
2¾ " " " 70 "
3 " " " 75 "
Hydrant Hose.
Warranted to stand a pressure of 75 lbs. per square inch.
¾ inch per foot, 20 cents.
⅞ " " " 23 "
1 " " " 24 "
1¼ " " " 28 "
1½ " " " 32 "
New York Croton Hose, 24 "
India Rubber Goods.
Breast Pumps,
Syringes,
Injection Tubes,
Nipple Shields,
Nursing Bottles,
Water Bags,
Air Beds,
Cushions,
Life Preservers,
Pillows,
Foot Balls,
Toys,
Doll Heads,
Crying Babies,
Putter Balls,
Bat Balls,
Gutta Percha Goods,
Travelling Bags,
Coats,
Pants,
Leggins,
Caps,
Fishermen's Pants,
Hospital Sheeting,
Piano Covers,
Horse Covers,
Gloves,
Mitts,
Steam Packing,
Gaskets,
Mens' Long Boots,
Mens' Fancy Boots,
Mens' Over Shoes,
Ladies' Boots,
Ladies' Over Shoes,
Misses and Children's Shoes,
Tobacco Wallets,
Money Wallets,
India Rubber Blankets, for Cotton and Sack Printing,
India Rubber Cloth Cloths,
Ladies' & Gentlemen's Hats and Shoes lined with Gutta Percha or India Rubber.
MACHINE BELTING.
Scale of Prices, 3 and 4 ply, from which an estimate of the price of intermediate widths can be made.
2 inch 3-ply, per foot, 10 cents.
3 " " " 15 "
4 " " " 20 "
5 " " " 24 "
6 " " " 29 "
7 " " " 34 "
8 " " " 38 "
9 " " " 43 "
10 " " " 48 "
11 " " " 53 "
12 " " " 58 "
13 " " " 62 "
14 " " " 67 "
15 " " " 72 "
16 " " " 77 "
17 " " " 82 "
18 " " " 86 "
20 " " " 96 "
22 " " " 106 "
24 " " " 115 "
4-ply, 15 cents.
" 17 "
" 21 "
" 30 "
" 36 "
" 41 "
" 47 "
" 54 "
" 59 "
" 65 "
" 72 "
" 80 "
" 90 "
" 100 "
" 110 "
" 115 "
" 130 "
" 144 "
" 158 "
" 173 "
Heavy 5 ply Belts made to order for purposes where great strength is required, (as a substitute for double leather,) at an advance of twenty five per cent on 4 ply prices. All Belts cut, an advance on the above prices will be charged.
Also, Agent for Patent Congress Webbing.

KAISER
RS 1

Philadelphia June 19 1851.

U.S. Mint Phila

Bought of JOHN THORNLEY,

CASH — All claims for damage or deficiency to be made within three days after receipt of goods, by mail or otherwise.

6¼ yds Orders Rubber Cloth for Branch Mint at San Francisco California @ 62½ Cts. 91

Duplicate

Rec Payment
for Jno Thornley
Wm Strickland

U.S. Assay Office,
New York, June 19. 1854.

Col James Roß Snowden,
Director U.S. Mint,

Sir,

I will thank you, at your earliest convenience, to forward, per Adams & Co's Express, the books and papers, which you have had prepared for this office.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Sam. T. Butterworth
Supt

Mint of the United States.
Philada June 20. 1854

Sir, I have your favor of the 19th inst
In compliance with your request of yesterday this
day handcarried to you Mr Adams 16 Express
the Books and papers which I have procured
prepared for your office & herewith enclosing
a list of the same, also Messrs Adams & Co
receipt.

I Am Very Respectfully

Loriedo.

Samuel F. Butterworth, Esq.
Asst U.S. Assay Office
New York.

List of Books, Abstracts & Sent to
S. T. Breckenridge Esq. Supt Assay Office N. York.

1 Gold Bullion Receipts
1 " " Deposits "
1 "Assayers Register of Silver Bullion"
1 " " Gold Bullion "
1 "Deposits Silver Bullion"
1 "Depositors Signature Book"
1 "Journal of Bullion Deposits"
1 "Ledger " "
1 "Bullion Ledger Melting Room"
1 "Ledger Ordinary Expenses"
1 "Journal " "
1 "Register " "
1 "Order Book"
1 "Letters sent N. York"
1 "Alphabetical index of Depositors Names"
1 "Bullion Journal"
1 "Gold Bar Book"
1 Silver "
1 "Gold Bullion Abstracts to Melter Refiner"
1 "Certificates Philadelphia"
1 " Letters "
1 "Register of correspondence"
1 "Copy Book (Abstracts)"
1 " " Letters
1 "Supt Assay Office Accounts"
860. "Slips Bullion Ret." from Treasurer"
100 "Sheets returned Bars"

"Copy of Deed - Quinby Reeves"
"2 old pages"
"Grantors - Abstracts of Deeds"
"Copies of the Great Barn"

Mint of the United States,
Philada June 17. 1834.

Sir,

I think it proper to call your attention to the subject of the Silver Coinage. By the last advices from London it appears that dollar-bullion has advanced to 61½ pence, say 120½ cents, the ounce, which nearly approaches the value of the Silver Coin issued pursuant to the act of Feb. 21. 1853. namely 125 cents per oz. At our bay rate 121 cents it follows that our supply of Silver Coinage has nearly fallen off and must soon cease entirely. The consideration and question by the advance in the price of bullion, 1. Whether we should not increase our price for Silver, and 2. Whether the existing laws should be modified so as to diminish the standard weight of the Silver Coins. As to the first point, it is quite certain that we cannot increase the price above 121 cents per ounce, and even at that rate the procurement will scarcely be sufficient for the use in the Coinage operations in view of the cost of Coinage and the expenses of transportation.

If we have to pay 125 cents for the bullion we ought not to coin and issue it a less rate than 123¾ cents per oz., and that brings me to the second point

heavily to modify the laws for the enforcing of the Coin at a Less Standard might at present. If authority were given to reduce the weight of the half-dollar to 180 grains, and the smaller Coin in proportion, we could then issue them at the rate of 133⅓ cents per ounce, as is now the case. The former Standard was at the rate of 116 44/100 cents per ounce, the change authorized by the act of Feb. 21. 1853 was equal to about 9⅓ cents per oz. The change now suggested to your consideration would make a further diminution of 8⅓ cents, and as the multiplications and fractions would not be found to be so great. I think that in addition to other well known causes the opening of a trade with Japan will have a tendency to elevate the price of silver.

I anticipated, as you will find by reference to my annual report that the time might probably soon come in which a recoinage of silver would become necessary, but I confess that at the at time I did not consider that such necessity would so early as the present urge our attention at so early a period.

The mail due by the last arrival from Europe have the prices risen, but in the mean time I have thought it proper to bring the subject to your notice

Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Secretary of the Treasury

Our former ~~standard~~ price for standard silver was 116.36 cents per ounce; which corresponded nearly enough with the price in the London bullion market, at the time.

The price there, being now quoted at 61 1/16 pence, say 124+ cents, the rise in value, within only a few years, has consequently been about 8 cents an ounce.

If it should be thot admissible to obtain legislation on this subject at the present session of Congress, it might be well to make some use of the above fact as a basis; that is, to take care not to make the new advance in the coinage rate, less than 8 cents an ounce. For example, if we are to give 125 cents for the bullion, we ought not to coin it at a less rate than 133; and this would give room for further rise in market price.

Suppose the silver dollar, (or rather, two half dollars) shall be required to weigh 3/4 ths of an ounce, or 75 hundredths; then, the mint value per ounce would be $1.33 1/3; and to bring ounces to dollars, you simply add one-third to the weight; or to bring dollars to ounces, you deduct one-fourth. (over.)

As a matter bearing indirectly upon this subject, and not a little curious in itself, Mr. Wyckoff suggests, on information from his house in New York, that we shall probably be called on pretty extensively to coin whole dollars, at the old rate, out of 5 franc and other silver; evidently for the East India & Japanese market, as the American dollar has a currency there not accorded to other coin. All this would tend to elevate the price of silver.

2 half dollars pennies

half dollars 192 grains 3/125 / 62.5 / 125

125 133⅓

half dollars

192 : 62.5 :: 3/192

192/8

192/384 : 125 :

125 384 : 133

133 : 384

384 : 125 : 133

125/116.50/8.64

206¼ grains

192/14⅞

If 1 ounce = 180 grains

we will have upon the dollar at a little more than 1.33⅓ to 1 oz 1.33/1.25/8

1000 = 750 oz

180 1/2 dollar = .375 oz

90 1/4 = .1875

36 dime = .075

18 1/5 dime = .0375

10.6 Cent = .225

180 480

180 . 50 : 480 50

180/24000 133.3 1333

60

54

60

60

1/4 180/3.6/3/14.8

1/2 Dollar (Ridge Co)

Liberty

Designs & Die

Finished

Sam

1/4 1/2 1854

Mint of the United States.
Phila. June 17. 1854

Dear Sir,

I have to thank you for your favour of the 15th inst with the enclosure which the height of Design has consigned her re- especially attracted much of my attention, and I and shall devote any leisure hours on the subject, which you have placed at her disposal to such examination.

I am, very Respectfully

Yours Obt Servant
Landreth

S. Goldsborough Phillips Esq.
Washington City.

Philada: June 17th, 1834

Sir

In the further performance of the duty assigned to us by the Secretary of the Treasury, we have to request that you will furnish a Statement of the Copper purchased for the use of the Mint, for the last five years, the quantity thereof coined, and otherwise used for Mint purposes, and what stock thereof remains in the Mint.

We are, very respt.

Your Obt. Servts.

W. Wirt

J. C. Pickett

Daniel Sturgeon, Esq.r.
Assay Master of the Mint &c.

Form of Letter No.

'49	1,465,729.00	41,277.96	42,428.49	85.90
'50	1,376,526.20	39,329.27	38,882.85	25.31
'51	3,448,183.29	98,519.45	99,401.46	59.43
'52	1,758,492.61	50,099.76	50,620.94	53.72
'53	2,306,628.82	65,905.37	67,336.57	43.51
'54 (mo)	872,138.06	24,918.21	25,582.87	10.00
	11,222,757.98	320,650.02	325,252.62	227.87

To the Stockholders of the
Electric Bond & Share Co.
Reno

re: Stock Dividend

Gentlemen:

	quantity	value by calculation	~~quantity~~ value returned	
1849	157,920	4309.14	~~cwt~~ Cwt $4619.19	@ 3/4 = $206
	35,072	1002.06	958.87	.96
	188,683.50	5805.25	5931.01	2.12
	38,268.50	1093.24	1094.82	.54
	31,402.50	897.21	903.66	.25
1st qr.	448,241.50	12,806.89	13,047.55	6.83
	45,313	1,294.66	1292.60	.90
	40,790	1,165.43	1182.00	.32
	147,033	4,200.94	4,818.39	2.06
	112,213	3,206.34	3,211.37	1.52
	34,959.20	998.84	1,000.25	.65
	59,551.10	1,701.53	1,760.60	.68
2d	439,962.00	12,570.34	12,766.11	5.93
	115,344.10	3,295.29	3,296.88	1.08
	35,143.30	674.56	822.45	.29
	41,921.20	1,197.74	1,214.45	.72
	41,234.7	1,178.09	1,189.33	.34
	93,376	2,667.93	2,864.24	1.90
	41,878	1,196.66	1,197.95	.70
3d	~~quantity~~ 366,625.10	9,903.58	10,018.11	18.31
	73,693.	2,105.51	2092.19	1.21
	36,637	1047.06	1043.84	9.60
	22,222	634.91 2614.91	634.91	1.25
	66,697	1905.63	1911.65	1.89
	31,611.10	903.24	911.95	1.89
4th qr. 1849	230,900.10	~~6597.12~~	~~6596.50~~	9.63
year 1849	1867,729.00	53,078.96	53,222.93	25.90
1st qr. 1850	144,849.10	4,112.16	4,192.36	2.13
	105,352.	3,010.06	3,052.26	1.24
	235,371.10	6,725.89	6,898.83	3.61
	226,129.25	5,912.26	6,333.15	9.60
	238,256.10	6,807.30	6,892.78	9.73
	446,273.95	12,759.20	12,899.27	9.00
	1,376,026.20	39,322.21	39,922.25	25.31
1851	712,736.04	20,363.87	20,679.69	15.20
	1,067,202.13	30,491.49	30,913.08	21.22
	2,124,910.21	60,711.72	58,258.82	16.25
	750,016.00	20,857.60	21,052.13	9.38
	146,997.28	4,199.93	19,222.91	8.26
	5,000,000.	142,857.14	2004.89	3.47
	9,260,919.31	264,597.70	130,956.12	78.84
Sal.	715,736.04	20,363.87	20,679.69	15.20
	4995,222.29	142,720.63	99,901.84	69.91

Mint of the United States.
Philada June 16. 1854.

Sir,

I enclose the bonds of Mr. Geo. F. Denning, clerk to the Supt. of the Assay office at New York, which I have certified to be to my satisfaction.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your faithful servant,

James Ross Snowden
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

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Mint United States
Phila. June 16. 1849.

Messrs R. D. Denning & Co.

Gentlemen:

Mr. Caleb Bird is employed to put up the boats and other apparatus for the steam works at Spring Office. You will please therefore let him have the best Cordage which you have, or may apply for that Office.

Yours Truly
James Pollock
Director.

Samuel Pope Chance
Assay Master.

Washington City
15th. June 1854

Sir

From a lot of Copper recently sent to market from the Isle Royale Mines, Lake Superior, one ingot was ordered from sale that it might be assayed with the view of determining the relative quantity of Silver contained in it it being well known to the Officers of the Company that the latter metal is mingled in greater or less proportions with the Copper in the veinstone of the mine, and is often found in globules, and lumps of considerable size, adhering to masses of the native Copper.

It was the purpose of Hon Thomas Ewing President of the Company, to have made personal inquiry at the Mint now in a recent visit to Philadelphia whether this assay could be made at that establishment, but circumstances made it necessary for him to leave the City without doing so. My present object is

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to make that inquiry. If the assay can be made at the mint, be pleased to notify me, and I will cause the ingot (weighing some 8 or 10 pounds) to be delivered there. If it cannot, may I ask that you will refer me to some person who can make it properly - if he be known to you.

It would very much gratify the stockholders of the Company - embracing several gentlemen of Philadelphia - if the service could be rendered us by the mint; for upon its assessment we should implicitly rely.

We believe that the fact to be ascertained is of sufficient public interest to justify this application.

I am respectfully
Your Obt Servant
Thos. P. Scott
Sec'y & Treas. L. Railway Co.

To James R. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

Mint of the United States.
Philada June 16. 1854.

Sir,

I have your letter of Yesterday. It will give me much pleasure to cause the assay of the Copper ingot, as requested, so as to determine the percentage of silver contained therein.
The assay will be made as soon after the metal is received, consistent with the dispatch of the ordinary work in the Assay department.

I am, very Respectfully
Your obt Servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director.

Thos. P. Scott Esq
Vice & Mang. S. R. Mining Co
Washington City.

Washington City
15th June 1854

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Your Obt Servant
Thos. W. Dorr
Lieut. of Engrs. U.S. Army

To
James R. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

Mint of the United States
Philada June 17. 1850.

Dear Sir,

I received to day your favor of the 15th inst, and shall be happy to see you on Wednesday next as stated. In the mean time I may mention that the books of accounts & blanks, forms &c have already been forwarded for your office, and can be forwarded to you at any time they may be required.

On the subject of the northern ore, we can come to some conclusion when you are here.

I am, very truly
and Respectfully

James Ross Snowden
Director.

Saml F. Butterworth Esq
Supt Assay Office.
New York.

New York
Assay Office
June 15 1854

Sir

Will it not be better to procure the Books, Stationary &c necessary for the Office at once, than to delay ordering until after the building & machinery are ready? If you think so, I wish you would obtain the necessary authority and give me instructions & directions as early as possible; as yet I have no directions as to the employment of workmen, I think that it would be a wise course to employ them at once & send them on to you for instruction, if we start with green hands I am afraid we may not meet public expectation in the beginning which I am very anxious to do. I intend giving you a call on Monday next.

I am very truly
Your friend
Sam. L. Butterworth

Hon.
J. Rob. Snowden &c
Director

Mint of the United States
June 14th 1864

Dear Sir

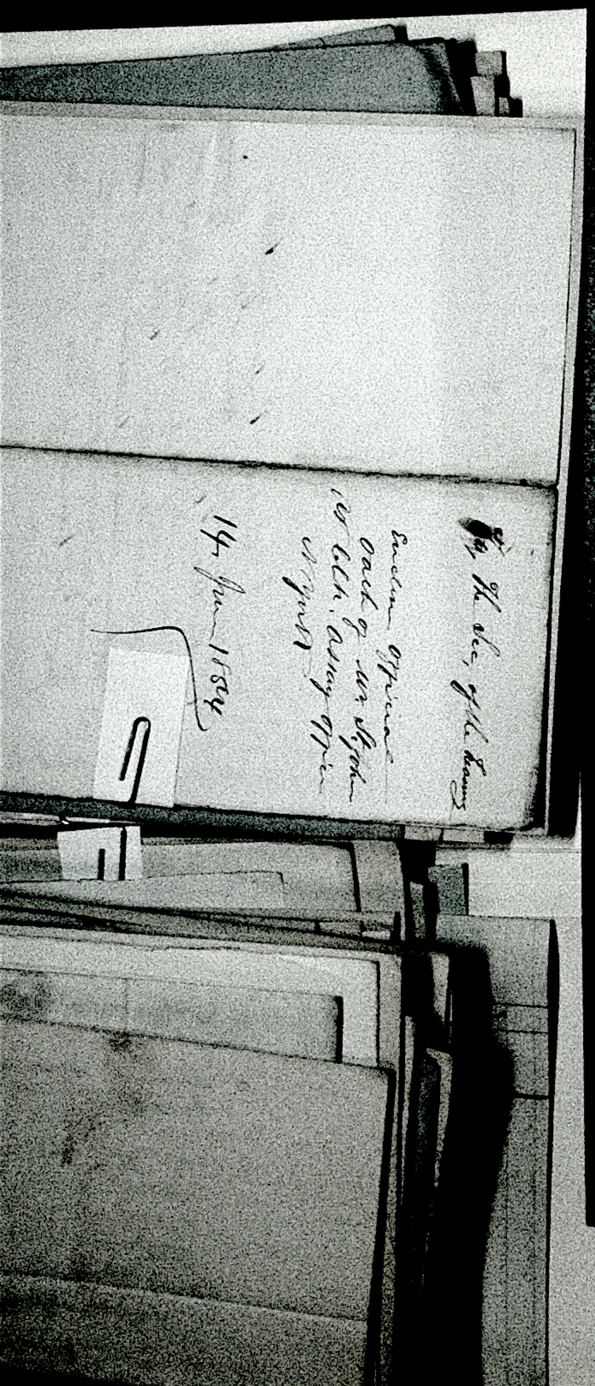
In reply to your letter, requesting some suggestions from me on the subject of additional checks in the receipt and melting, of the deposits of bullion, I would propose, first. That every package or parcel of gold presented for deposit, should be accompanied with a statement from the depositor, of the weights and in case of bars, with a statement of the fineness also. which weight and fineness ought to be a matter of record in the weigh-book of the Treasurer. At least, this check should in every case be demanded of depositors, and if they decline giving it. and wish us to proceed without it, they cannot throw the whole blame of error on the Mint, as they do nothing to guard their own interests. In case of disagreement of weight, they will of course be at liberty to withdraw the deposit. And if they request it, they should be allowed to see their bullion melted, cast, and weighed after melting; even if it should occasion some delay and inconvenience.

Besides this, I would suggest that the Treasury use such precautions as are usual in Banking

Institutions, particularly the double locking of the vault-door, as was formerly done at the old mint in Seventh street, where the presence of two persons, each having a key, was necessary, in opening the door

Respectfully yours &c
J. R. Eckfeldt
Assayer

J. R. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint



Mint of the United States
Philad.a January 18th. 1804.

Sir,

I enclose the Oath of Office of Mr. T. B. St. John Assistant Weigh Clerk in the Assay Office at New York, which I received this morning. It should have been sent with his Official Bond which was forwarded to you some days since, but as he was not aware that this was necessary, he omitted to speak to me at the time of the transmission of his Official bond.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful Servant,
Robert Patterson
Director

Hon. James Gallatin,
Sec.y of the Treasury
Washington City.

I enclose the Oath of Office
of Mr. L.H. St. Johns, Assistant Weigh Clerk
in the Assay Office at N York. It should
have been sent with his official Bond, but
as he was not aware ~~at the time of~~
~~its being necessary to do so that it should~~
~~accompany the Bond~~ was necessary
~~for~~ to do so, it was omitted

Treasury Department,
Comptrollers Office,
June 13th 1854.

Hon Paul Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer of the U S
Mint, Philadelphia,

Sir,

Your account of Copper Coinage of the Mint, for the quarter ending the 31st of March 1854, has been adjusted at the Treasury, and a balance of $172.06 found to be due from you to the United States, which consists as follows,

Copper Coinage	$ 150.00
Copper account,	$ 22.06
	$ 172.06

Most Respectfully,
Elisha Whittlesey
Comptroller,

New York June 13/54

Sir.

I beg leave to hand you herewith the Oath of Office subscribed & sworn to, before the U. S. Judge for this District by me — I should have sent this document with the Bond forwarded to you some days since for the purpose of being placed on file, but was not aware till now that it was necessary to do so.

Jam Very Respy
Yr. Obt. Svt

J. R. Strebbins

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of Mint
Philada

This was sent on in March to A. H. Cuss
Cor. Wells Burlington & Co Vt as per
Way bill — J. Harrison

Pittsford June 12 1854

Directed to W. S. Hunt
Phila

Sir

A Box of Gold dust sent from
the Express Office at this point
on the 28th of February last
has not since been heard from
will you have the kindness to inform
me whether it has been received and
oblige

Yr Obdt
H. Fitzhugh

Ship'd Box as per
W. A. Wells

Express
Burlington
Vermont

Mount of the United States.
Phila. 16 Jany 1809.

Sir,

In reply to your favor of the 12th inst. I have to inform you that the proceeds of the bullion sent to the Mint in February last by Mr Lacy, were forwarded to him (care of Messrs Butler, Field & Co.) per Harding Express on the 22nd last.

I am very Respectfully

Sir, Your Obt. Servt.
R. M. Patterson
Director

Mr. H. Trevalt, Agent.
Detroit.
Michigan.